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## Weather hits with full force

Strong winds and driving rain created chaos throughout the Bay Area Monday and Tuesday, toppling a giant pine tree on James Place in El Cerrito. Downed trees, power lines, lost electricity and minor flooding were reported across El Cerrito, Albany and the Richmond Annex, where some areas were without power well into Tuesday evening, with the threat of more rain to come.

## Facing up to racial tension

Any film screening provokes action

By Shannon Morgan

**A**LBANY — City residents have found the ticket to unite for greater cultural understanding. A screening of a documentary film about skin color drew a standing-room only crowd at the Albany Community Center last Wednesday.

**S**kin Deep, examining racial tension among college students across the country, brought together a diverse group for an intensive three-day chance to explore how different cultures relate to each other.

**T**he film documents how people of all backgrounds find it difficult to ignore the divisions and understanding created in a multicultural society as cultural issues boil to the surface.

**M**ovie maker Frances Reid examined the phenomenon of understanding with the intent of not only raising awareness but spurring action. In the end, it appears, her hopes were realized.

**I**t is great. There is not much left in this room. This is why I made the film, we can begin to have an in-

depth conversation about race in America," Reid said of the estimated 150 in attendance.

The screening was organized by a group of Albany residents who are attempting to find a catalyst for community action to head off misunderstanding, misrepresentation and mistrust that cuts across the many cultures that form a community. The film was followed by an intensive workshop that allowed audience members to share reactions to the film and come up with action plans of their own.

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## Neither side backing down on cardroom suit

By Greg Hugunin

**A**LBANY — Ladbroke has shelled out over \$250,000 to fight the lawsuit over construction of a cardroom at Golden Gate Fields filed by the Citizens for Responsible Government, and does not plan to give up any time soon.

"If we were going to turn away, we would have done so long ago," says John Ford, Vice President and General Counsel for Ladbroke Racing, Inc., who added that Ladbroke has spent over \$1 million on the entire cardroom project.

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sage of Measure F, which was approved by a 187-vote margin on Nov. 8, 1994, and would allow the construction of a 150-table cardroom at the Golden Gate Fields racetrack in Albany.

Statewide, there have been 38 cardroom measures on local ballots since June 1992, nine of which have passed.

The eight-count CRG lawsuit seeks to overturn Measure F and alleges, among other things, that the initiative is in violation of the California Environmental Quality Act because no environmental impact report was done prior to the election, and that it is inconsistent with Albany's General Plan.

Four of the eight counts were thrown out on demurrer, and while the other four counts were ruled against in Alameda County Superior Court, the decision has yet to be filed.

Robert Outis, the attorney for the CRG, filed a 77-count objection to the decision in October. He calls the lawsuit an "important and good case," and says that it represents "primarily the attempted misuse of the citizen initiative process" on the part of the City Council and staff.

Outis, who is working "without payment" on the lawsuit, says that if and when the decision against the CRG is filed, they will definitely appeal. He says that if an appeal fails, the CRG is willing to petition the California Supreme Court for a hearing.

Ford, who describes the CRG lawsuit as "meritless," says that Ladbroke is also willing to fight the battle all the way to the Supreme Court.

He added that Ladbroke is exploring ways to move forward with the cardroom regardless of the litigation, and says of the lawsuit, "The fact of the matter is that the courts provide an avenue for this and we must deal with it."

Ford also says that Ladbroke now plans to come in with an application for less than 50 card tables, as opposed to the 150 permitted by Measure F. Ladbroke is opening a 60-table cardroom in San Pablo on Friday, Dec. 15.

Aside from the services provided by Outis, the CRG has spent approximately \$2,200 in consulting fees on the San Francisco-based environmental law firm Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger.

Ladbroke has reimbursed Albany for over \$250,000 spent on the case.

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Albany firefighters collecting toys for tots

**A**LBANY — The Albany Fire Department, in cooperation with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, is hosting a Toys for Tots collection.

Albany firefighters are encouraging individuals to bring new and used toys to the Fire Department for distribution to needy children

in the Bay Area. Toys will be accepted throughout the holiday.

Last year the department received over 300 toys. Although this was significant donation, the "Toys for Tots" toy drive was unable to fill many requests.

Please take the time to select a toy

and drop it in the collection bin at the Fire Station located behind City Hall at 1000 San Pablo Avenue.

For special donations or additional program information please call the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve at 263-9042.

## Rubicon calls for meeting

By Dawn Frasleur

**E**L CERRITO — Rubicon is hosting a community information meeting on its proposal to convert the Idaho Motel to affordable housing tonight at the El Cerrito Senior Center, 6500 Stockton Ave., from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

After receiving some criticism from the public and members of the El Cerrito City Council for rushing for concept approval of the project at the Idaho Motel, Rubicon has told city staff that it could not meet the federal deadline that prompted its quick proposal process.

Rubicon had hoped to apply by Dec. 11 for Low Income Housing Tax Credits that would have partially financed the proposed makeover of the motel into a housing project serving disabled persons.

Only a very preliminary concept approval was needed from the city in order to apply for the credits; the council concurred at its Nov. 20 meeting, with reservations and some

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## Cerrito limiting availability of sand bags

By Dawn Frasleur

**E**LRITTO — The city of El Cerrito will not be able to make generally available during winter storms. Main engineering supervisor said the city is not able to provide bags for everyone compromising the general welfare of the city.

What can't be accommodated are things like neighbor to neighbor

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## Duty bound to knock Christmas present

"I AM APT TO THINK the world was more homebred, social, and joyous, than at present," said Washington Irving in "The Sketch Book of Geoffrey Crayon, Gent." He was talking about Christmas observance. That was in 1802.

B.C. Romans probably said, "Things used to be more fun," while they celebrated the "birthday of the unconquered sun" around the time of the winter solstice by hanging up greenery and giving their kids presents.

Not one to buck history or human nature, I feel it's my duty to knock Christmas present. It's a dirty job, but somebody has to do it.

**IF WHAT YOU READ IN THE PAPER** and see on the news captures the temper of the times, hardly anybody's merry nowadays. This touted moroseness comes, I'm guessing, from the general rise in finger-pointing and tendency to mind other people's business, not to mention that jollity is not a story.

The impression is that some people are down and out on the street with no halls to deck and the rest are jumping off bridges because they're alone and imagine everybody else is out there hugging, singing and dancing.

Christmas has gone to heck because we're not spending enough money, they say. In between hysterical commercials, anchormen tell us, get thee to a shopping mall. Stores are failing because too few doting parents are out there buying ever more electronic doodads for their apparently insatiable curly-haired darlings.

Remedies offered up to cure the holiday blues, after the ever-popular "get counseling," are pattered by Deepak Chopra, reruns of fifties cartoons or the psychic hot line. To ease the guilt, send checks, lots of checks including one to the pound so the dogs, at least, will have a good time.

**A BETTER REMEDY FOR ALLEGED** Christmas misery might be to update traditions set in Victorian England, down to a tree-decorating design set in concrete by the Queen and her idolized Albert.

I will match my admiration for Charles Dickens as a great writer with anyone's. Dombey and Son and Bleak House, for two, are crushers. But it



By Phyllis Lyon

can't lift 1995 spirits to keep trying to recreate the slushy sentiment of *A Christmas Carol*, written to order (no offence) in 1843.

This virtual Christmas just doesn't gibe with family or home life nowadays. There are few, if any, stay-home moms baking geese, dads working a 60-hour-week saying, "Hi, honey, I'm home," to six or eight obedient children gathered 'round the groaning board. Scroogy employers, nowadays impervious to ghosts in their bedrooms, may be the only reality left in that revision of warm and fuzzy merriment.

Chestnuts roasting on an open fire have too much cholesterol. And to keep air pollution down, we don't build open fires even if we have a fireplace. The requisite snow, at least in Albany, is all shredded plastic which is of course one of the reasons many of us came here in the first place.

**HOW TO MODERNIZE CHRISTMAS** is the question. We could hire a consultant, do an environmental impact report, hold a public hearing and phase in some revisions, I suppose. That would be very up to date.

The one post-Victorian tradition I'm holding out for is revival of the old-fashioned office party, which I hear has become more honored in the breach since the fuddy-duddy behavior police took the brandy out of the egg nog. Bring back the lamp shade on the head, blow ticklers, the opportunity to kiss the person at the next desk who you've been secretly wanting to kiss all year and the chance to tell the boss where to get off.

**IF SCROOGE CAN REFORM his snarling ways overnight, so can we.** Let's put out a Contract on Christmas, phase in a revolution. Listen to no carols, stay out of stores and off the freeway until Dec. 23. Turn off all our screens. Go face to face, hand in hand. Lay back and chill out in the good old real world. That's the spirit. That's 1996.



## Police Reports

### Oakland man arrested after robbery attempt

By Dawn Frasier

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**A Richmond man was arrested** for attempting to sell food stamps to someone in the Safeway parking lot at about 5:21 p.m. Nov. 27.

**Two San Pablo men were arrested** for attempting to sell a stolen bass guitar to a music store in the 11200 block of San Pablo Avenue on the evening of Dec. 4.

**Seven incidents of domestic violence were reported.**

**There were six arrests for driving under the influence.** An Oakland man was arrested at San Pablo and Central at about 2:20 a.m. Nov. 28; a second Oakland man was arrested at San Pablo and Alameda at 7:25 p.m. Dec. 2.

**A Richmond man was arrested** at 2:45 a.m. at Carlson and Columbia; at 2:44 a.m. Dec. 3, an El Cerrito man was arrested on San Pablo between Manila and Potrero. A Hercules man was arrested on San Pablo Avenue between Manila and Portola at about 1:54 a.m. Dec. 6; a San Diego man was arrested at San Pablo and Knott at 12:10 a.m. Nov. 5.

**A residential burglary was reported** in the 800 block of Craft Avenue between Nov. 23 and 26; the burglar entered the closed garage and took a microwave from the vehicle inside.

**A second residential burglary** was reported in the 1500 block of Liberty Street after someone entered a rear window and took coins and clothing from the home during the daytime Dec. 5.

**Two vehicles were reported stolen:** a 1983 Toyota Corolla from the 1600 block of Lexington Avenue (during the night of Dec. 3) and a 1983 Honda CB1100 motorcycle from the 600 block of Liberty Street between 1 a.m. and 7 a.m. Oct. 15.

**Two El Cerrito men were arrested** on Kearney Street, north of Wall, for possession of a stolen watch at about 1:10 a.m. Dec. 7.

**Two tires and rims were taken** from a vehicle in the 10100 block of San Pablo Avenue during the night of Dec. 5.

**A variety of power and hand tools were taken** from the lot at the Jay Vee Center on the evening of Dec. 5.

**An Albany man** was arrested for taking recyclables in the 3300 block of Avenue.

**A bicycle was reported lost and found** in the 11200 block of Aven-

**Shoplifters were caught** Payless (an El Cerrito Emporium) (an Albany Safeway (a Richmond Foodsco (a Richmond Lucky, El Cerrito Peabody male juvenile (woman), and Target mond men, a Berkeley El Cerrito man and female juvenile).

**An Albany man** was arrested for marijuana during house police department; he stopped at San Pablo at about 2:25 a.m. Dec. 5.

**A San Pablo man** was arrested in the 11200 block of Aven- at about 6:15 a.m. for possession of a cigarette and a glass smok-

**On the afternoon** thief entered the open residence on the 800 Kains Avenue. He cable securing a bike on the bike, leaving behind. A man suddenly stood as a local partied with the this bike. They were with Berkeley woman who

**Shortly before** Dec. 5 officers stopped a man for a traffic violation. He found he had a bullet in his driver's seat. He was in his car was towed. The outstanding warrant County for sales of the amount of \$2,000 was arrested, booked and de-

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**A Richmond man was arrested** for allegedly approaching a Yosemita Avenue resident as she sat in her car, then pointing a simulated weapon at her and demanding her purse. The would-be robber fled, however, after the woman screamed, alerting a neighbor.

The incident occurred at about 10:32 p.m. Dec. 4.

The same man is also accused

of simulating a weapon and demanding cash from a man and a woman in the Wells Fargo Bank lot just a few minutes before the Yosemita Avenue incident.

**A man was robbed** on the BART path behind the 11400 block of San Pablo Avenue at about 8:06 p.m. Nov. 29. The suspect made demands and threats and received \$2 in cash. He is described as a black male between 17 and 19 years of age, 6'1", 160 pounds, wearing a black waist jacket with hood and dark pants.

**Two Oakland men are sus-** pected of cutting the lock of a semi-trailor at Foodsco, then taking a large number of grocery items at about 12:48 p.m. Dec. 6. The suspects were caught leaving the scene; the items were recovered.

**Between 8:45 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Dec. 1,** someone had successfully cut the lock off another trailer and taken cases of cigarettes, juice and soup.

**A Richmond male juvenile** was taken into custody for fighting with a BART officer at the Del Norte station. El Cerrito officers assisted with the arrest at 12:54 p.m. Dec. 1.

**Six male juveniles attacked** an El Cerrito man on the BART path at Gladys Avenue, stealing his bike and wallet at gunpoint. The man estimated that one boy was about 17 years old, the rest about 10 years of age.

**A male juvenile and a female** juvenile, both residents of Richmond, were arrested at Del Norte Plaza for assault with a deadly weapon, a homemade "mace." The two are accused of fighting another girl at about 3:30 p.m. Nov.

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**Resident finds would-be robbers in her home**

By K. Osborn

**ALBANY — On the morning** of Dec. 4 the resident of a home on the 500 block of Jackson Street heard the sound of breaking glass and interrupted two men who had broken the sliding glass door at the rear of her residence and were prowling the back rooms. They fled when they saw her. She described them both as black males, 18 to 20 years old, medium build with black hair, wearing dark windbreaker type jackets, dark pants and running shoes. One man was about 5-feet 8-inches tall and the other, who was wearing a black stocking cap, was about 5-feet 10-inches tall.

**At about 12:40 a.m. on Dec.** 5 officers stopped a woman from Washington state for a vehicle code violation and found she did not have any identification. When they could not confirm her identification they arrested her and transported her to the Albany sta-

tion where she admitted giving false information about herself. She was cited and released. The passenger in her car was questioned regarding an open container of beer in the car and also gave a false name to officers. When her correct identity was learned she was found to have three outstanding warrants for Berkeley totaling \$20,566. She was arrested and held for transportation to Berkeley.

**A doctor on the 1100 block** of Solano Avenue reported that at about 5 p.m. on Dec. 5 a man described as a black male adult in his late 20's with a tall, athletic build, wearing a black jacket, gray T-shirt and blue jeans, entered his offices and requested an appointment. After having the man sign in the doctor returned to a previous patient. He then heard the door chimes and, returning to the front area, found the man gone along with his wallet from the front counter. The doctor located the thief around the corner and de-

## Letters to the Editor

### Without cause

Editor:

In dismissing Bill Cain without cause, the Albany City Council not only deprived the city of an experienced and dedicated volunteer, but also called into question the process by which citizens participate in our city government.

Only Councilman Good dared call this action what it was: a slap in the face for a man who has worked countless hours, without financial compensation, to benefit this city. Bill Cain deserves far better treatment for all his years of dedication. Those of us who have worked with Bill want to know why council members saw fit to remove him.

The flimsiness of Councilwoman Baker's excuse for dumping her appointees is apparent even to outsiders, as witnessed by the recent editorial about Bill Cain's dismissal in the West County Times. What the three council members truly seek is conformity of opinion. No wonder that, by a vote of three to one, they thwarted Albany custom and prevented Councilmember Good from assuming the mayoralty on the same night they dismissed Bill Cain.

Incidentally, we needn't look far to see where Bill Cain, Jerri Holan, and Evan Flavell, among other Baker appointees, failed the council's litmus test. All were strong opponents of Ladbrooke's cardroom proposal during the last election, and all sat on commissions that could ask Ladbrooke some hard questions about zoning, traffic safety, and waterfront issues.

If Ladbrooke decides that it is in their business interests to build anything in Albany, they'll want citizen committees full of people friendly to them. I think this must be the true agenda behind Councilwoman Baker's action. I hope I'm wrong. We'll know more when we see whom she appoints next.

We've heard much from our current mayor about how citizen-friendly Albany is. I wanted to believe that, whatever our differences, we were all

welcome to give our time and expertise to make this city a better place to live. Unfortunately, I can no longer believe this to be the case.

Peggy Thow  
Albany

### Lost resource

Editor:

Albany Councilmember Elizabeth Baker's dismissal of her appointees is offensive to me and the entire city. In the case of Bill Cain, it's the loss of a genuine community resource.

Baker is not fooling anyone with her grand vision of bettering city government. If she really wants new blood on advisory boards, she has three or four appointments open. If she doesn't like appointees because they've been around too long, then she should not have continued her two or three reappointments last year. (And how does she view her own second term?) If she needs a cause for dismissal, she could have removed some of her appointees for missing meetings. However, she herself has missed more meetings than any other council person.

Baker is not really interested in "bettering government" and she is even less concerned about her appointees. She never contacts them or returns their communication. Why now the interest in new ideas? I have tried several times to talk to her about waterfront concerns and she has never responded. As a result, I've been forced to contact every other council member. It is not Baker's appointees that aren't doing their jobs, it's Baker herself.

In respect to the legality of Baker's actions, there are only two brief references in the City Code regarding terms and dismissal of appointees. In defending Baker's actions, the City Attorney's interpretation of these references needs to be questioned.

The first clause of the code states that appointments run concurrent with the term of the

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Christmas lunch**

CERRITO — El Cerrito Garden Club's Christmas Luncheon will be held today, Dec. 14 at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 University Lane, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The cost of the catered luncheon will be \$20 per person. For information concerning membership, call Summerer, 526-6827.

**Book cleanup**

ALBANY — Join the city of Albany's AmeriCorps Water Watch community members in a creek cleanup Saturday, Dec. 16 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cleanup is part of an ongoing effort, including monthly cleanups, water monitoring and seasonal surveys.

The cleanup crew will meet at the parking lot on Pierce Street. Information 528-5758.

**Winter celebration**

KENSINGTON — The Pacific Symphony of Norwalk School will hold its annual winter concert at the Unitarian Church in Kensington on Friday, Dec. 15 at 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for children under 12 are free. For more information call 528-5758.

**Albany for Xmas camp**

ALBANY — The city of Albany is accepting registration for Albany Camp at the Albany Community Center located at 1249 Marin Avenue. Come join the holiday fun at Friendship Club's Holiday Camp to be held at 1331 Portland Avenue. The camp is open to children 4-5th. Camp runs Dec. 29. The two weeks long camp will host a variety of activities. Contact the Albany Community Center 524-9283 for more information.

Dec. 18 — on site (holiday making and creative play); Tues.-Dec. 19 — off site (Discovery Center); Wednesday, Dec. 20 — on site (holiday crafts and recreation); Thursday, Dec. 21 — on site (holiday games); Friday, Dec. 22 — off site (winter brunch and dance) close at 12.

Dec. 26 — on site (team building); Wednesday, Dec. 27 — off site (Beachy Island); Thursday, Dec. 28 — on site (games and recreational play); Friday, Dec. 29 — off site (brunch and dance) Camp ends at 12.

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**Mixing it up**

Approximately 150 guests attended the Albany Chamber of Commerce mixer Nov. 30 including (left to right) Rafi Petrossian, owner of Magic Garlic Restaurant; Chip Brown, publisher of Hills Newspapers; Jeff Butler, chamber president and Amelia Chellew, manager of Albany Branch of Sumitomo Bank.

**El Cerrito street repair program going well before rains stalls work**

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — The 1995-96 asphalt resurfacing program got off to a good start but drew to a halt when the rains came.

Engineering and maintenance supervisor Mori Struve still hopes most of the work will be accomplished before the end of the year, however.

"Asphalt grinding began last week," said Struve. "Grinding was done on all streets scheduled to be overlaid; now the contractor just has to wait for the weather to clear."

Grinding runs from the edge of the street out, about five to eight feet. It helps ensure that the edge of the new asphalt surface will rest only about 1/2" above the gutter. Such preparation should help avoid the kind of problems found on Carquinez, where about 250 feet of the street is too high in relation to the curb and gutter.

"The curb base has been reduced so drastically over the years, because of continual overlays, residents are always having trouble with water running over the street," Struve said.

Street repairs on Carquinez north of Lagunitas are included in this year's resurfacing program.

Those who've had trouble crossing Lincoln and Liberty during this week's storms should also get some relief in the next storm, if repairs are accomplished by then.

"There's been a bad drainage issue at that intersection," said Struve. "Old half-pipe drains go north-south underneath the street at Liberty, ...corrugated metal arches that are basically not working. I don't know if they ever did work well."

"There's a terrible drainage problem there (because) at the same time, there are not the standard curb returns. The street is almost level at the existing sidewalk."

The intersection will be recon-

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—MORI STRUVE,  
MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR

structed as part of this year's program; repairs will include installation of a standard four-corner intersection with concrete cross gutters across, allowing for good water drainage, and handicapped access curbs at each corner.

Though Struve hopes work will proceed quickly in December once the rain lets up, one particular job will be delayed until January. Though Fairmount Street has received its preparatory grinding between Liberty and San Pablo, mer-

chants were concerned that street work might interfere with commercial activity during the holidays. Asphalt overlaying of Fairmount will be delayed until after the first of the year.

Most streets on the 1995-96 repair schedule will receive either slurry seals or asphalt overlays. The 1/2" to 2" hot asphalt overlays essentially amount to a new street.

Five street sections will receive the new surfaces: Ashbury between Fairmount and Stockton, Kearney between Fairmount and Eureka, Terrace between Stockton and Galvin, Fairmount between Liberty and San Pablo, and Wildcat, from the cul de sac 200 feet west.

Slurry sealing is essentially a maintenance treatment which tries to preserve the asphalt that's already in place, restoring some of the oil to the surface and causing some improvements to the surface.

Streets scheduled for slurry seals are Mound, from Navillier to the end, Buckingham, from Contra Costa to the west end, Everett between Eureka and Moeser, Lassen between Carlson and Belmont, San Diego, from the west city limit to San Pablo Avenue, Yolo between Central and El Dorado, Pomona between Lynn and Ward, Norwell between Stockton and Moeser, and northbound Ashbury between Lynn and 'B' Street.

In addition, Richmond Street south of Central will have some "dip" repair work done.

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**District delays setting new goals**

By Shannon Morgan

ALBANY — Setting new goals for the School District's next two years is an idealistic challenge that is taking the School Board longer to accomplish than originally projected.

The board held a public hearing last month that garnered myriad suggestions but little direction for actually drafting the document that is supposed to set standards district-wide.

The process is one that the district goes through on a regular basis in an effort to define the district's mission in delivering education to its pupils. In the past, goals were set in areas including student needs, communications, articulation, class size, ethics, self-esteem and safe facilities.

But the bulk of comments at the Nov. 14 public hearing focused on making goals tangible and achievable, in addition to crafting new strategies to meet evolving needs.

"Some people have indicated to me, a couple of areas that might be considered by the board are a facilities plan and development and a goal around the economic or fiscal conditions of the district and the need to maintain strong support for fiscal aspects of the program," Superintendent Dale Hudson said in introducing the matter last month.

Audience members also had a variety of concerns and comments.

"I thought (the goals) were pretty good, but in high-level categories we're not really saying anything about education.... We ought to make it more explicit," parent Carol Dipple said.

For instance, current district goals specify under "individual needs" that the district will "provide comprehensive, rigorous, integrated course offerings in flexible pathways..." but that is the only specific reference to course offerings or an educational ideology.

Student Representative Brian Schwietzer also pointed out a need for making improved multicultural understanding a priority, especially at the high school.

It is one goal that "has been presented to me by the Associated Student government. We have seen more and more in the last two years a need for a way to concentrate on other cultures and make it a goal to not just educate about them but to get all different cultures to educate us about themselves.

"Those are the things they keep hearing about. There is this culture

and that one and we'd like to see the district break down the idea that all Asians just hang out with Asians, for example," he said.

In the current goals covering 1994 through 1996, the only mention of diversity is under the "self-esteem" category as one of a number of issues to consider in order to engage in activities to "promote high self-esteem in the school community."

Going down the list of goals from a teacher's perspective, Albany Teachers Association President Susan Charlip advocated reinforcement of a current goal.

"It's a good list of goals. The biggest one here in my mind is class size. I know we're beginning the study process on ramifications of reducing class size...but I see very little priority given to making it happen in the budget. We should at articulate what progress we have made," she said.

Don Depasquale, also a teacher and ATA negotiator, said he'd like to see follow-through with district goals.

"I wonder what do you use as criteria to say something actually happened as a result of these goals. At some point you ought to be concerned about whether you've gotten to those goals," Depasquale told board members, also noting the lack of "a component to talk about the dissatisfaction on the part of staff for the way decisions are made in the district."

Parent Ellen Fiss agreed that priority should be given to making sure goals are realized and also suggested that consideration be given to asking voters for more money to support expanded school efforts.

Parent Sandy Bender focused on the need for an assistant superintendent to oversee articulation.

"I think what we are asking people at the schools to do is virtually impossible," she said.

"The bottom line is at the root of all evil is the money problem. We need to study where and how we can find money to do all the things we want to do in this district," Bender said.

Given the array of comments and a lack of direction from other board members, Board Vice President Marsha Skinner, who is supposed to draft the new goals along with Board President Alan Riffer, suggested that leeway be given in meeting the original Dec. 12 date for approval of the draft.

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### Performances

**Ashkenaz:** Dec. 14, 10 p.m.: Wild Bouquet with Opening Act; Dec. 15, 9:30 p.m.; Jungular Grooves; Dec. 16, 11 p.m.: Amanda Poets with Vukani Mawethu at 9:30 p.m.; Dec. 19, 9:30 p.m.: Record Party with Balkan Folkdance lesson at 8 p.m.; Dec. 20, 9 p.m.: Frog Legs with Cajun dance lessons at 8 p.m. 1317 San Pablo, Berkeley. 525-5054.

**Sacred and Profane:** Dec. 15, 8 p.m.: Midwinter concert featuring the Sacred and Profane Chamber Chorus performing medieval, renaissance, and chanukah works. St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. 524-3611.

**Berkeley Ballet Theater:** The Nutcracker, Dec. 15, 7 p.m.; Dec. 16, 2 and 7 p.m.; Dec. 17, 2 p.m. Julia Morgan Theatre, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. 843-4687.

**Berkeley City Ballet:** The Nutcracker, Dec. 16 at 2 and 8 p.m.; Dec. 17 at 2 p.m. Zellerbach Hall, UC Berkeley. 642-9988.

**Berkeley Repertory Theatre:** Ballad of Yachiyo through Dec. 23. Tuesdays through Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Sundays at 2 and 7 p.m.; Saturday matines at 2 p.m. Dec. 16 and 23; Thursday matines at 2 p.m. Dec. 21. 2025 Addison St. Berkeley. 845-4700.

**Christmas Concert:** Dec. 17, 8 p.m.: Music by J.S. Bach, Cantata 140 (Sleepers Wake), Giacomo Perti, and others. Audience caroling with orchestra. Free. First Presbyterian Church, Dana at Channing, Berkeley. 848-6242.

**East Bay Presents:** Dec. 14, 8 p.m.: Piano Extravaganza including *The Harp of Life*, *The Etudes Tableaux*, Op. 39, *La Valse*, *Thaw*, and more. Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley.

**Gamelan Music and Dance:** Dec. 16, 8 p.m.: 35-member Gamelan Sekar Jaye ensemble under the direction of I Dewa Putu Berata performing the finest in Balinese dance. St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. 237-6849.

**Hausmusik:** Dec. 17, 8 p.m.: Presentation of *It's Natali Domini*, Renaissance and traditional Christmas music from the British Isles, Spain, and Germany. St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 1501 Washington St., Albany. 524-5661.

**Jupiter:** Dec. 15, 5 p.m.: Isotope Duo, Fatty Boom boom; Dec. 16, 8:30 p.m.: Shorter Moments, 2181 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. THE-TAPS.

**La Peña Cultural Center:** Dec. 15, 8 p.m.: Rebecca Riots celebrate the release of their CD; Dec. 16, 10:30 a.m.: Juanita Newland - Ulloa presents Mexican and original Latin American children's songs for the whole family; Dec. 16, 8:30 p.m.: Jackeline Rago and Grupo Campana performing Afro-Venezuelan holiday music. 3105 Shattuck Ave. 849-2568, ext. 15.

**Maybeck Recital Hall:** Dec. 17, 4 p.m.: Glenn Cole Dalton, piano, performing works by Poulenc, Scarlatti, the Mendelssohn Variations, Chopin, and Faure. 1537 Euclid Ave., Berkeley. 848-

3228.

**Masquers Playhouse:** Through Dec. 16, 8:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturday, plus four Sunday matinees. *Man of La Mancha*, directed by Pat Nelson. 10 Park Pl., Richmond. 232-3888.

**Red Cafe:** Dec. 14, 8:30 p.m.: Enna Deer; Dec. 15, 8:30 p.m.: Calaveras; Dec. 16, 8:30 p.m.: D' Anna'; Dec. 17, 7:30 - 10 p.m.: Jerry Ferraz during open mike poetry; On display through Jan. 15, 1996; An exhibit of paintings by William Snyder. 1841 University Ave., Berkeley. 843-8607.

**S.F. Early Music Society:** Dec. 16, 8 p.m.: Presentation of Theatre of Voices in a program of secular and sacred seasonal music from the folk traditions of Europe and the Americas. First Congregational Church, Dana and Durant streets, Berkeley. 528-1725.

**The Mouscracker:** Dec. 20, 3:30 p.m.: Roger Mara of Snapdragon Puppet Productions perform a dramatization of Tchaikovsky's holiday classic, in which the evil Cat King and the Sugar Plum Fairy transport Clara Mouse and the Mouscracker to the Kingdom of Sweets. North Branch, 1170 the Alameda. 649-3943.

**Speakeasy Theater Company:** 8 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays and 5 p.m. Saturdays through Dec. 16: *Frankie and Johnny in the Clue De Lune*, the 1987 play by Terrence McNally, directed by Helen James. Black Pine Circle Theater, 2016 Seventh St., Berkeley. 845-4100.

**Starry Plough:** Dec. 14, 9:30 p.m.: Groovie Ghouls, The Bombsbasses, Original Two; Dec. 15, 9:45 p.m.: Liquid Sunshine with Nuts; Dec. 16, 9:45 p.m.: Penelope Houston with Paddlefoot; Dec. 17, 8:30 p.m.: Blues Jam Session; Dec. 18, 9 p.m.: Traditional Irish Dance with lessons at 7 p.m.; Dec. 19, 7:30 p.m.: Cabaret Open Mike; Dec. 20, 10:30 p.m.: Fatty Love Buckle with YoYoDance. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 841-2082.

**Winter Sanctuary:** Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m.: Singers-songwriters Betsy Rose and Judy Fjell present their seventh annual solstice concert-ritual. Events include participatory singing, readings, and ritual. Trinity Hall, 2362 Bancroft St., Berkeley. 944-2420.

**Yoshi's:** Dec. 14 - 17, 8 & 10 p.m.: Ellis Marsalis Quartet featuring Nicholas Payton; Dec. 18, 8 & 10 p.m.: Conjunto social y folklorico; Dec. 19, 8 & 10 p.m.: Kite Gamble Sextet; Dec. 20 - 24, 8 & 10 p.m.: Charles Brown's Blues Band; 6030 Claremont Ave., Oakland. 652-9200.

**Religious activities**

**Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists:** Dec. 17, 10:30 a.m.: "Hannakuh/Solstice/Christmas Celebratin" with celebrants and Joyful Noise Choir. A program of songs, stories, poetry, and more. For children: toddlers, childcare giver; for ages: 3-12, classes. Details call Sandy. 236-5083. 1924 Cedar, Berkeley. 841-4824.

**Chanuka Party:** Dec. 25, 12 - 4 p.m.: Vegi potluck, bring instruments. Sponsored by the Jewish Arts and cultural School. Contact Sarah Shendelman. 644-

2956. Free. 2525 8th St., Ste. 13, Berkeley. **Simbang Gabi:** Dec. 16, 6 a.m.: Filipino "Misa de Gallo" in preparation for Christmas. After mass, churchgoers partake in an early breakfast of ricecakes such as "bibingka" or "puto bumbong" with "salabat" (ginger tea), coffee, or chocolate. St. John the Baptist Church, 11150 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito. 232-5659.

**St. Alban's Episcopal Church:** Dec. 16, 9 a.m. - noon: "Quiet Morning" listening for God; Dec. 17, 8 & 10 a.m.: Pastor Jim Stickney will preach on "Are We to Wait for Another?" from Matt. 11. 1501 Washington Ave., Albany. 525-1716.

**St. John's Presbyterian Church:** Dec. 17, 10 a.m.: "Good News... The Other Side of Defeat," 4 p.m. Children's Christmas Pageant. 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. 845-6830.

**5:45:** Evening worship service with contemporary Christian praise music, conversation and refreshment. Every Sunday at First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley, 2407 Dana St., Berkeley. 848-6252.

**Events, meetings, classes...**

**Berkeley Artisans Open Studios:** Dec. 16 and 17, 11-5 p.m. More than 100 artists and craftspeople at 20 studio buildings throughout south and west Berkeley will participate. Admission is free. The Artisan Map is available at 1250 Addison St. No. 214, Berkeley. 845-4100.

**Albany Recreation and Community Services:** A year-round tennis program for children and adults will be offered. Registration is now being taken. Children 4 and up and adults of all skill levels are invited to sign up for lessons. For more information call 524-9283. 1249 Marin Ave.

**Art Chat:** Mondays at 10 a.m., (Dec. 18, Jan. 8, and Jan. 22): Local artists meet bi-monthly at the Art Cafe. Peppermint Tree Plaza, 10174 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito.

**Auditions:** Auditions are being scheduled for Kairos Youth Choir, a chorus of mixed unchanged treble voices, ages 7-14 years. Acceptance into the chorus would be for the next semester. The Crowdron School, 2401 Le Conte St., Berkeley. 644-0388.

**Berkeley Farmers' Market:** Sundays, 11-3 p.m.: Fresh California produce near People's Park; parking available: Haste St. at Telegraph, Berkeley.

**Berkeley High School:** Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m.: The Berkeley High School Concert Orchestra and the Berkeley High School Concert Chorale perform at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave. Andrew Stewart, piano solo. Donation at door.

**Berkeley Hiking Club:** Dec. 17, 8:30 a.m. departure: Muir Woods tour. Contact leader Mary Frey (415) 381-9129 for details; Dec. 17, 9:30 a.m. departure: Mini Hike — U.C. Botanical Garden. Contact leader Elizabeth Deane (848-6737) for details.

**Center for Psychological Studies:**

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Dec. 15, 12 - 1:30 p.m.: Emily Visher, PhD will host a lecture and discussion on the topic of "Working Successfully with Stepfamilies." 1398 Solano Ave., Albany. 524-4172.

**City Commons Club:** Dec. 15, Noon: Holiday Concert with Richard Goodman and Jane Rateaver, soloists for the Berkeley Opera. Berkeley City Club, 2315 Duran, Berkeley. 848-3533.

**Date/Marital Rape:** Dec. 18, 7 p.m.: The social, legal, political, psychological, and economic meaning of date/marital rape featuring a video segment and presentation by Laura X. For women only. The Long Haal Info Shop, 3124 Shattuck Ave., near Ashby Barn. 544-0751.

**Dharma Publishing:** Dec. 16, 4:15 p.m.: Tibetan artist Rosalyn White discusses how Tibetan paintings and sculpture are traditionally created; Dec. 17, 3:30 p.m.: Writer/editor Elizabeth Cook explores the artistic treasures found in the ancient cave temples at Ajanta, India. 2910 San Pablo Ave. (near Ashby Barn). 548-6830.

**El Cerrito Community Services:** Holiday Sports Camp. Daily Soccer and Baseball. Dec. 18 - 22, Monday thru Friday and Dec. 26 to 29, Tuesday thru Friday. Soccer will be held at 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Baseball from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, El Cerrito. 215-4375.

**Family Life Hotline:** Wednesdays on KPFA 94.1 fm: Sponsored by Jewish Family and Children's Services of the East Bay with co-hosts Ruth Fremen, MA, and William French, LCSW of West Oakland Mental Health. 652-5978.

**Jitterbug Club:** Second Saturday of month.: The Northern California Lindy Society supporting the flourishing of the Lindy (original swing

# Rotary governor praises El Cerrito club

By Dawn Frasieur

**EL CERRITO**—District governor Bill Stone recently visited the El Cerrito Rotary Club, bringing news from Rotary International and praising the local branch for its community service efforts.

Stone serves as governor for 64 clubs in the western region; Rotary International itself has 1.2 million members in more than 150 countries.

"Every 14 hours, another club is formed," Stone said.

The organization has members representing all different areas of the business and professional community; most recently, he said, younger members are being sought out. Women are also becoming more involved and holding higher offices in the organization.

Recently, the Rotary organiza-

tion has been extending in Russia. Stone described the only conditions for establishment as "freedom to choose its own president, freedom to choose the location for its meeting, and freedom to set its own program."

All over the globe, Rotary is known for its service orientation.

Stone encouraged El Cerrito club members to become involved in Polio Plus U.S.A. Polio eradication is a major goal for Rotary International, and the organization has

been quite successful in its ongoing efforts.

In the U.S., Rotary's efforts are pretty much confined to fundraising, publicizing free immunization opportunities and encouraging immunization as early as possible.

"Polio has essentially been eradicated from the western Hemisphere," said Stone, adding, however, that for children between ages 2 and 5 there is still a "window of opportunity" for the disease to gain the hold it once had.

"Many people don't think of it until the child is ready to start school," he said.

In other countries, however, the Rotary's involvement is much more "hands-on," in that immunization programs are critical in order to ensure continued health.

While immunization is fairly inexpensive in America, Stone said the shots cost just 12 cents each in developing countries, stretching the dollars raised by Rotary groups

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Vern Odlin

## Albany PTA Council News

Week I wrote about positive negotiation programs, which use to encourage positive conflict among students. Cornell also has a program, after successful programs at schools, that deals with disputes among students. This program, called conflict management, teachers train selected students to defuse trouble, especially in crowded playgrounds where it may not be numerous to witness the conflict.

Conflict managers, who are fifth-graders, aren't allowed to interfere in physical fights.

Students know to find an adult in situations, which are not common. But non-negotiations over who broke and who gets the bass and who is whom — these are common occurrences on the playground.

Conflict management, children either fix the problem by themselves or ask for an outside from a disinterested child, manager, who will guide resolving their dispute.

Backbone of conflict manager is an "I-message." Disputants agree to listen to each other's viewpoints using this formula: "I-message" begins with

"I," states how the speaker feels as a result of the conflict, and asks for a specific solution. A typical "I-message" might be "I feel angry when you let all your friends get in line in front of me, because I've been waiting longer, and I want everyone to obey the rules."

In theory, the process goes like this: A disagreement occurs. The conflict manager is called. S/he asks both parties to state the problem in terms of an "I-message." S/he asks them to talk about possible solutions.

Together, they make an acceptable plan that will carry into future situations.

In practice, the presence of conflict managers seems to prevent many problems from becoming big enough to require outside help. Most kids want to spend their recesses playing, not hashing out problems that can be solved with attention to the rules, a shrug of the shoulders, or a quick apology.

The conflict manager's insistence on using words to describe feelings may also help children understand each other's viewpoints. Considering another person's viewpoint comes from good listening, and good listening is part of the conflict manager's training. Managers also develop leadership abilities

and improve their own self-confidence in difficult situations. They learn that they have a strong positive influence to exert.

Ideally, every child — and most adults — could use this training. Even if they aren't asked to resolve many actual school disputes, conflict managers carry their skills into their classrooms and homes. Some parents have reported an easier time resolving conflicts at home because of the training at school. (Some parents even use I-messages on other adults, with varying degrees of satisfaction.)

If you have a spare moment during the holidays, you might try formulating an "I-message" or two for yourself, just to understand how powerful this technique can be for breaking through the habits of defensiveness that we all share. It even works in monologues with yourself.

Right now, for example, "I feel stressed out when I think of all the things I've promised myself I'd do before the holidays, because winter time is for resting, and I want to do less." No problem, really. I'll just sit down and cross a few of them off my list until 1996. Doesn't that sound far away? I wish you all a wonderful, restful, and conflict-free holiday vacation.

By Peggy Thow

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council person. We are appointed for a term, for the good of the community, not for anyone's personal pleasure or political agenda. In fact, I was not particularly interested in who appointed me; anyone could have done that. Council member Mast interviewed me but, unfortunately, Baker appointed me first. Had I known that my appointment was going to become a political whim, I would not have volunteered.

If council members follow Baker's precedent, they will dismiss an appointee when it's convenient for their political interests or when a controversial issue crops up, or more dangerously, when a large developer

wants a project approved. In Berkeley, this kind of "rubber stamping" is prohibited. Specifically in order to prevent such abuse, Albany's clause reads, "Members shall serve concurrent with the term of the appointing council Member," not at the pleasure of the council member.

The second clause of the code describes dismissal as a function of cause — if there's cause, four votes of the council can remove an appointee. No other reason or procedure is described for removing appointees. It is an illogical interpretation of the code to say that four votes of the City Council will remove an appointee if they've done something wrong, but that if they've done nothing wrong, merely one council member can force them to resign.

The intent and spirit of the City Code is to protect the city's best interests and it should be so interpreted. When interpreting our code, it is the responsibility of the attorney and council to err on the side of the good service of community volunteers, not the interests of one imaginative council person. Instead of abusing Bill Cain and other City appointees, Baker should start working for the city's interests or resign. We should not be the ones forced to resign.

The City Council should not have allowed Baker to set this precedent for dismissal without a cause. The council must now bear the onus of its action. It is no longer Baker's phony maneuver, but is the council's abuse of parliamentary procedure, of the community's good will, and of Albany's small resources.

**Jerri Holan**  
Albany Waterfront Committee Member

Holan was dismissed from the Albany Waterfront Committee by Baker and was reappointed by Councilmember Robert Good.

## Time to revise Prop. 13

Editor:

Norman La Force's piece in your Nov. 30 issue raised some vital points. Cities in California do, indeed, face possible knotty problems in the financing of basic services. If the dicta of Prop. 62 are said by the court to hold sway, then many tax measures will be endangered that we had no chance to vote on.

I agree with Mr. La Force that the root cause of the problem is Prop. 13. Because of the limitations it places on traditional revenue sources, cities have had to resort to unusual ways to maintain basic services. Unfortunately, those methods have often served to cause distrust of elected officials. Officials who have been between a rock and a hard place to get the job done.

It seems to me that it is high time to revise Prop. 13. Its requirement for a super-majority vote for tax increases is one thing worth keeping in my view. However, the locking of assessed values at the 1975 level (plus 2 percent per year) unless a sale occurs has the effect of shifting the tax burden toward recent buyers. Many are young families who wind up paying four times the tax of neighbors who still pay based on the old level.

Note, too, that large corporations and partnerships have ways to skirt reassessments, resulting in still another unfair shift of tax burden. This must somehow be corrected.

Assessing all properties at market value and adjusting the tax rate to provide only proven, necessary revenue would get us all on the same basis. Items like assessments and odd taxes would not be needed. The tax rate would then be the only item to be voted on, and we could then return to the time-honored and stable source of revenue — property tax.

Locally, other steps must be taken, pending a fix such as I've suggested. As we must as individuals and families, cities must make hard choices and live within their incomes.

For El Cerrito, a cost to be re-examined is Redevelopment. It presently takes some \$1.75

million, 28.5 percent of which would otherwise come to the City's coffers. Much of that now goes to service debt that Redevelopment has taken on, but the return to the City would begin to grow rapidly as Redevelopment debt is paid off — possibly as soon as 2004.

In 2005, then, the City would receive an estimated \$1.2 million, growing to \$2.5 million by 2020. The total over those years would be some \$28 million — and that ain't hay!

George Amberg  
El Cerrito

## Criticism lacks merit

The Journal received a copy of the following letter sent to Albany City Administrator Daren Fields.

In a letter to the Editor in a recent issue of the local paper, the writer was critical of Diamara Bach, Albany's Environmental Resources Assistant, for her supervision of Albany's recent tree-trimming program. The letter alleged her lack of response to his calls, and also complained about lack of advance notice of the coming trimming.

While the author of the letter may have had some justified complaints over the quality of the contractor's work, I think the criticism of Ms. Bach is completely without merit. I manage many properties in Albany, many of which have trees which were to be trimmed. I therefore had occasion to discuss the trimming of many of these trees with Ms. Bach, especially those on Solano Avenue, which were interfering with the city's street lighting. She always responded to my phone calls, and was very helpful in contacting the contractor and overseeing the pruning of these trees.

In cases where I felt the contractor did an inadequate job, she enforced the contract by making them come back to do additional work. As to alleged lack of notice, I received frequent notices as to dates of trimming on various streets, and notices were also published in the local paper. When the date was advanced, I always received another notice telling me of the change of date, so that I could be prepared to oversee my particular trees when they were trimmed. Furthermore, Ms. Bach did not just drive by, but

actually walked from City Hall, and up Solano Avenue and personally talked to many of the occupants. I am sure she did the same on most of the residential streets.

I also had occasion to confer with her on a residential tree planting program, and she was most helpful in advising on the type of trees that would do well. I found her to be truly professional and very knowledgeable about what kind of trees should be planted in this program. As to the quality of the tree trimming work, some may be fully satisfied, but the contract was given to the low bidder according to law, and Ms. Bach did her best to see that it was properly done. I am also like to state here that Bill Ekern and his staff have been excellent representatives of Albany and are doing a fine job. I enjoy working with them when I have business in Albany. It's difficult for any business to satisfy 100 percent of the public, and that holds true for Albany City also. However, when public employees are doing their best, I believe in supporting them.

## Had enough rumors

Editor:

For nearly two years, I have remained silent on the face of rumors and gossip about my campaign for Albany City Council. My silence reflected a desire to move beyond the election and address the pressing issues that face our community. However, Robert Outis apparently did not yet realize that the campaign is over. In a letter to the editor dated Dec. 7, Mr. Outis made the outrageous assertion that my campaign council was part of a scheme to build a camp at Golden Gate Fields.

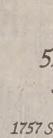
In case Mr. Outis has forgotten, my campaign focused on issues such as the breakdown in negotiations with the Albany Police Officers Association and the continuing upward spiral in sewer rates. I believe a review of the record shows that the city has made significant progress on these and other issues since the election.

During the campaign, I did discuss, in general terms, diversifying activities at the city track to generate additional sales tax revenue. Immediately after the election, I put on my acquaintance at Bill Graham Presents and

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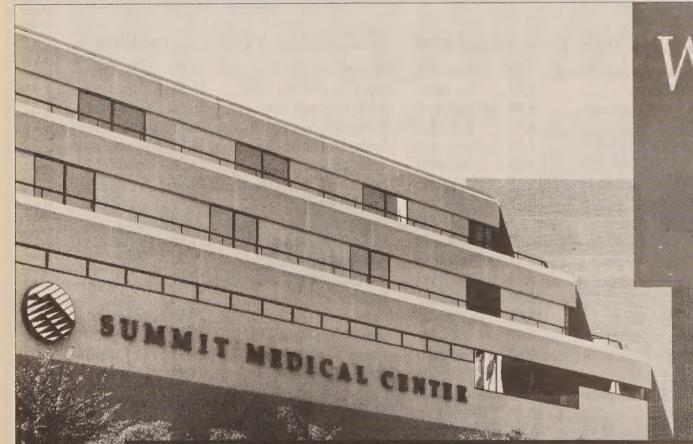
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That's 1.2 miles from her house. More than a nice outing, it's exercise for Clara — part of the terrific advice she got at the Cancer Education & Prevention Center at Summit.

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degree in business and from the University of Anna, Widenor enjoys Edward Jones because they do not their brokers to sell each other. She



Vicki Widenor

feels comfortable knowing she can provide the proper investments for each individual.

The company's focus is to help individuals build financial security and progress toward their investment goals. They serve investors from more than 3,100 branch offices. Widenor's office is located at 1760 Solano Ave., Suite 305.

According to Widenor, her company is the nation's only major brokerage firm serving individuals and business owners. She is committed to taking the time to listen to learn about one's specific goals before making recommendations. The business of investing is very important, so it is as important to Widenor to have the investor comfortable and confident with all investment decisions.

Whether one is just beginning to invest or already has a sizable portfolio, Widenor encourages customer's questions so as not to be confused with answers given.

"Since your hard-earned dollars are too important to trust to fads or investments that simply are not appropriate for you," Widenor warns, "you will not be persuaded to purchase an investment that does not meet your personal objectives."

Born and raised in Berkeley, Widenor wanted to locate her business on Solano Avenue because "it is my favorite street."

When time allows, Widenor trains to become a pilot, as her fiance now flies out of Oakland for Evergreen Airlines. She also enjoys rowing, having been on the Berkeley High School and University of Pennsylvania rowing teams. However, her goal is not to be the most successful broker but to have the happiest and most satisfied clients. Her phone number is 525-3347.

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## Verbal support key to massage therapy

When Sharon Decker said her work was massage, I thought of those wonderful kneading hands I had enjoyed from time to time, or of the tiny woman who had crawled up and down my spine in Japan. But then Sharon said she uses the Rosen Method, so I knew I had to find out more about that.

And what I found out was fascinating. The Rosen Method was started by Marion Rosen, "who has a background in physical therapy and 50 years of practice in healing touch. She noticed that when people talked about their injuries, their memories and their lives, they healed more quickly and did not have recurring problems."

Sharon gave me a magazine which had an excellent article on the Rosen Method. But it is "Sharon and the Rosen Method" that I want to talk about here. For the Rosen Method is more than a massage, and Sharon has a background that led her naturally into this work.

First, it is important to know that the training to become a Rosen Method practitioner is generally three to four years: two years of class and practice, followed by internship. Sharon is presently an intern.

The hands-on portion of the method is very gentle, Sharon told me. When you are working

with tied-up muscles, you "meet the resistance, and through gentle massage and talk, the patient feels that somebody else is holding this, so I can relax a little."

The talk, Sharon says, is as important as the massage itself. They are interrelated.

Usually people come for more than one session. It is an ongoing process. Along with relaxation comes greater awareness. And, she tells us, it gives you time to settle and be with yourself, and feel who you are, separate from expectations of yourself and your family. You can feel how you want to be in the world, which may not be the same as you have been brought up or told to be.

And with her fingers, the practitioner can look for questions in the body; explore the meanings of their own reactions to situations; what is going on in the body.

Says Sharon, "I had a lot of back problems, and it has really helped." She then told of doing volunteer work with seniors, with incredible results. She speaks of one who had suffered migraine headaches for years, others who could not sleep well, etc. She was radiant about the successes she had with these people.

The writer of the article puts it this way: "In Rosen Method

bodywork the practitioner provides verbal support, validation and encouragement while meeting the holding or muscle tension with gentle touch. Where there is breath or movement, there is life and vitality. Where there is no breath, the practitioner works to help the client become aware of what is being held."

How had Sharon Decker happened to become a practitioner of the Rosen Method? Ah, that is the interesting part. Says Sharon, "I had been meditating for a long time, some 21 to 25 years." She told me her story.

Born in Stockton, she went to school there and then for two years to San Jose State University. She "moved around a lot" and finally went to Humboldt State summer school, which she "really liked a lot." She majored in art, but the college was not accepting art majors at the time.

She finished her college work at Hawaii University, where she earned her degree. After that, for a while, she worked in interior design. But two things inspired her to change. She had always been interested in self-growth (she did transcendental meditation at 10), and she wanted to do something that would really benefit people.

### Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser



She met Swami Muktanand (even after she spelled it for me, I'm not sure of it) and was deeply touched. More interested in inner growth than in a career, she stayed in the Swami's meditation center for seven years, in India, in Oakland, and in upstate New York. "That," she says, "was a really disciplined schedule." In addition to meditation, she did work in the Ashram, all kinds of work, from indexing his talks and correspondence to cleaning and gardening.

When the Swami died, in 1981, she returned, thought again about a career, and worked in interior design for a while. She met Toby, who is a social worker, in the Ashram, and they married. It was after daughter Sonia was born that she thought deeply about what she wanted to do. Deciding on the Rosen Method, and taking the long training, let her move slowly into what finally became her chosen career.

Sharon now has her own studio in Albany, in a building

where there are other people doing other types of healing work. She says she is very excited about the work, and has enjoyed her internship. They intern for two years, and she has six months left of hers.

A small personal note: I met Sharon and her husband and daughter when we had an extended family reunion a few months ago. It develops that she is a daughter of a cousin of my late husband's whom we had lost touch some time ago. How interesting to find an unknown relative right in our own back yard.

Sharon Decker's studio is at 907 Key Route Blvd., in Albany. Interested persons may call her at 526-6442, extension 3.

We learn more all the time. Isn't it fun? As noted, Sharon is sort of a long-lost relative.

And, as always, I invite you to give me your input: interesting people, events, organizations; oh, you know. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany 94706, or call 525-4585.

### Obituary

#### Marie A. Berndt

Marie A. Berndt, 89, a resident since 1981, died on San Pablo. She was a native of Alameda and retired secretary of Heinz Co. in Oakland. She was a member of the Eagles Laundry of El Cerrito, Albany Club, and active in the Senior Center at the El Cerrito Senior Center.

She was the wife of W. Berndt; mother of Karen Berndt of El Cerrito, and Patricia, and Lois E. Curtin, married to Sam; sister of Thelma Lawrence; grandmother of Kelly Martin of Sausalito; Michael Berndt of Concord, married to Cheryl, Kevin and Curtin of Fairfield, Karen and Curtin of Pinole, and Sam of El Cerrito, married to Diane; grandmother of Eric and Lakeport, Lisa and Greg of Concord, Danielle and Sam of El Cerrito, and Shane Curtin, both of Casey M. Curtin of El Cerrito; and aunt of Vicki Manteca.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to Hospice, 1900 Powell St., Emeryville 94608, or to charity. A private interment will be held at View Cemetery following the service.

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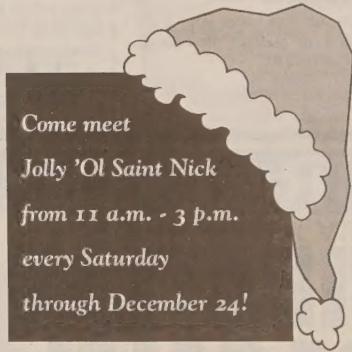
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# PET TALK



## Mother's Love For Your Pet is true to its name

by Laura Fischer

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Mother's Love For Your Pet is celebrating its first birthday and this pet owner and client caught up with Wendy amidst her busy schedule to find out some of her thoughts about her business and the road which led her there in her own words.

"They say that often, the business you'll be most natural and successful in is sitting there right under your nose. You know, that thing that interests you most, and brings you the most joy. This is what I discovered when I first conceived of starting Mother's Love For Your Pet. All of my life, I have worked with dogs, cats and animals of all kinds, including a pet pig named Daisy, and four generations of chickens!"

But it wasn't just my experience with handling, training and raising pets which inspired me to start Mother's Love For Your Pet. It was an indescribable, intimate connection with all animals, domestic and wild that I'd embraced since childhood which made Mother's Love a natural choice. My philosophy about animals grew out of this experience. It is strong and simply expressed. To me, when we take responsibility for these living, feeling friends, we've made a commitment to them as important as any other relationship in life. My pets are my children. This is how my clients' pets are treated as well. They are treated as individuals who deserve the very best in life."

The quality of Wendy's Mother's Love is often reflected in the feedback she receives from clients.

Antonia of Oakland writes: "I don't know how I would have

gotten through this year without you. It was so wonderful to know that while I had to be on the road for work, my cat had the very best of care. It's great to entrust my home and companion to someone so responsible, reliable and oh-so caring. My cat, 'Snews,' has her second family in Oakland. YOU!!"

Elaine and Andy write: "Wendy Burch gives us peace of mind that our dog, 'Buster,' is well cared for when we go away. She is very committed to his well being. We never worry that something (anything) will happen to our dog, house or cats. It's like having a third parent for our 'Buster,' one who is very experienced."

Brian, another satisfied client remarks: "Thanks to Wendy, we can go on vacations and not worry about anything. Our cats seem to thrive under her care, and if they could talk they would probably ask for her by name."

Wendy feels that sharing our lives with our pets can reawaken the simple joy and humor we were born with, and gives us the chance to give and receive a kind of unconditional love which animals naturally possess - without holding back. What an incredible gift!

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Thornhill pet Hospital's Dr. Sexton and his favorite patient, Shasta.

## New vet joins staff at Thornhill Pet Hospital

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animals since childhood. As the youngest of nine children, he was raised in a household that was also comprised of dogs, cats, rabbits, snakes, fish, lizards and more. As a veterinarian, Dr. Sexton has secured this relationship even further. "It was a great way to combine my interest in animals with the desire to help people," he says.

Prior to joining Thornhill Pet Hospital, Dr. Sexton practiced at Danville's Oak Tree Animal Hospital and Alamo's Animal Hospital in Contra Costa County. Impressed by Thornhill's friendly staff and a clientele devoted to its pets, Dr. Sexton hopes to see modernization of the hospital in the future.

Some of the most common problems Dr. Sexton addresses are flea allergies and various types of allergic skin diseases. Additionally, such problems as ticks, foxtails and exposure to wildlife contribute to the challenges of working in a hospital that is surrounded by a wooded area.

The holidays have their own set of problems where pets are concerned. Dr. Sexton recalls one incident while practicing in Danville. A beagle got into a chocolate bar under the Christmas tree, and the owners brought him in for treatment (chocolate is toxic to dogs and cats). They took him home only to return the very next day. They had left another chocolate bar under the tree!

Thornhill Pet Hospital's welcomes Dr. James T. Sexton and his golden retriever "Shasta" to the staff. Shasta, incidentally, accompanies his owner to work daily.


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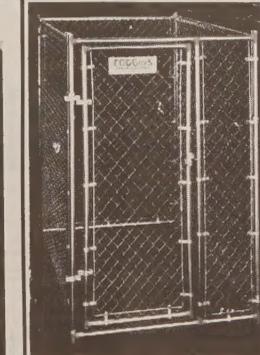
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## One sorry, manipulative scheme

**G**ood One, Gabbert: In his dim-witted little scheme to get free publicity — as in "I don't have to pay anything more than I pay those dogs" — one wonders how much thought, if any, KDIA owner James Gabbert gave to the people of Oakland and others in the Bay Area African-American community. Did he consider that his childish little stunt alarmed and worried many listeners who grew up with KDIA and its proud heritage? I doubt it. And did he give any consideration to the ethics of misleading some of those listeners into thinking their station might be killed? Yeah, right.

Gabbert further cheapened his already-tacky broadcast operation, scared the hell out of some of his staff and not a few of his listeners, and for what? All so he could call attention to his station's dim-bulb new slogan, "Funkin' A." Real classy, Jim. All this so you could unveil a variation of a vulgar catchphrase — one doubtless favored by more than a few of the numbskulls who watch your silly little TV station. Good one, Jim.

No wiggle room for Jimmy-Boy here, either. When Gabbert took over KDIA from Mayor Elihu Harris and future S.F. mayor Willie Brown just a few months ago, he excitedly told me, "The Boss is back." He was going to resurrect KDIA's long-time slogan. The pale white broadcaster also vowed to make KDIA a "blacker" station. (Right on, Jim.) He brought back The Boss, all right — then turned around and killed it. Good one, Jim. What a mind. What a promoter. What a class broadcaster.

KDIA program director and survivor Bob Jones — the station's general manager, Priscilla Watts, left recently, and Bill Gilbreath, who (nominally, anyway) runs Gabbert's radio operation, is also leaving — blurted out last week that KDIA is "struggling financially." Hey, what a surprise. Since Gabbert

won't or can't spend much money to promote KDIA because he's got his cash tied up in syndicated garbage like "Hercules" and "Xena: Warrior Princess," a cheap publicity stunt (like so many we've seen come from the fecund minds running the proud industry that is radio today) seemed the way to go.

As much as what Gabbert callously did to KDIA's loyal listeners disgusted me last week, what bothered me even more listening to the buildup to Gabbert's "momentous announcement" was that Gabbert undoubtedly thought that the whole campaign was cleverly done, when the opposite was true. While a Tribune reporter was getting partly sucked in, surprisingly, I called the people who knew what was REALLY going on behind the on-air ruse — Gabbert's sales staff.

"Nothing's gonna change," chuckled one salesman. "It's just a publicity stunt. But we've had a lot of clients calling. And some bought ads around the time of Gabbert's announcement so they could be in on the act."

Which is something Gabbert wanted to happen. And he was so damned clever going about it, wasn't he? Those ineptly written, badly read faux-ominous "announcements" by Gabbert strongly implying KDIA's imminent demise? Strokes of promotional genius. Gabbert would hype a circus by running ads saying that a trapeze artist might be killed, so better buy tickets.

For the record: Knowing Gabbert only too well, I smelled a rat the minute I heard about this "The Boss will die Friday" campaign. And my piece in Friday's San Francisco Examiner predicted that it was just another cheap Gabbert stunt, nothing more. I'm sorry the other dailies didn't get it right. If they had, maybe fewer people would have tuned in or fallen for Gabbert's dim stunt.

And now? I wouldn't give

## New York Times Magazine Puzzle

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KDIA one bit of support as long as Gabbert owns it — which

might not be too long — after what he pulled last week. Gabbert should be ashamed of himself, but I'll bet he spent last weekend smirking and congratulating himself on how clever he was. How many of his employees, do you suppose, will tell him the truth — that he acted, as usual, like a selfish jerk?

There was one good thing, however, about last week's stunt: It showed clearly that, to Jim Gabbert, KDIA is just another radio station, another little broadcasting toy he can play with at will. It also showed how much a San Franciscan Jim Gabbert has for Oakland.

This is the same guy who told me not long ago he was planning to run for mayor of San Francisco after the next election. Well, it's on the record now, Jim. And for what it's worth, you don't have a

chance in hell of getting elected. Thank God.

Laura's Leaving KTVU: I was sorry to learn, as you probably will be, too, that pleasant and competent "Mornings on 2" news anchor Laura Zimmerman will be doing her last newscast on KTVU as of Dec. 20.

Zimmerman, who came to

Channel 2 four years ago from KNTV (Channel 11 in San Jose) to replace Terry Lowry, has been working without a contract for several weeks. She and KTVU general manager Kevin O'Brien were unable to come to a contract agreement. Basically, Zimmerman didn't want to co-anchor the noon newscast any longer (she does both with Frank Somerville). "I wanted to do more reporting because that's where this job," O'Brien said. "I strongly and wanted to anchor both broadcast commenting. We offered generous, long-term contracts, but I wanted to see if she wanted mornings only for the money. I think it was a good part, but I wish her

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## East Bay Events

### Christmas pageant Sunday

Angels, sheep, wise persons and a new baby in the manger will be accompanied by a handbell choir and chorus in the annual Christmas Pageant at 4 p.m. at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. Sponsored by the children and youth of St. John's, admission is free. Call 845-6830 for details.

### Watercolorists colors galore

Berkeley Watercolorists and friends have hung a show of watercolor paintings at Three Bridges, 2507 Hearst, Berkeley. The artists—Berkeley Watercolorists comprise 40 artists who meet March to November and study together—at a reception Saturday, Dec. 16, 2 to 4 p.m. The show continues through Jan. 10.

### Local guests from Bali



Gamelan Sekar Jaya performs with Gamelan Sekar Jaya in Berkeley.

Gamelan Sekar Jaya's next presentation of music of Bali will feature I Made Sija, dalang, choreographer and mask maker here on his visit. Sija is recognized as one of the masters of Balinese performing arts and especially in the field of *topeng*—masked theater.

I Made Sija and the 35-member orchestra will be in Berkeley, faculty member at Bali's National School of the Arts, and Ni Made Wiratini, also a student of the national academy.

Performances have inspired the San Francisco Ballet to call Balinese dance "a visual

feast." The San Francisco Ballet, 2727 College Ave., hosts its first Saturday, Dec. 16, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10. Call 237-6849 for more information.

### Chorus participation welcome

The First Baptist Church, 1640 Addison, will be the site of a special performance of "Messiah" by Berkeley Community Chorus on Saturday evening at 7 p.m. The trumpet of Dana Kemp, soloists by Eileen Abramowitz, Richard Gorton and Goodman, and the voices of audience members in the Hallelujah Chorus. Admission is free (donations are welcome). Call 843-4689 for more information.

### Subject, comic presentation

La Silla and Sangre Latina present "Mantel," a "comedy environmental comedy" written, directed and produced by young people ages 11 to 18. The piece depicts the environment of at-risk youth and their coping with difficult living situations. A presentation takes place Sunday at 6:30 at 16th and Franklin Ave., Berkeley. Donations will be accepted.

### Arian wines return

On Saturday, Dec. 16, wine-tasting at Berkeley's elegant Westwind International Folk Festival will benefit Westwind International Folk Festival. Since 1959 Westwind has presented authentic, music and singing of North America, Europe, and has been called "one of the most enthusiastic cross-cultural ambassadors." Accompanied by Hungarian music, participants in the 4 to 7 p.m. event will be welcome to a tasting of two Tokaj Aszus, a Furditas, a Harslevelu and a Muscat Lunel, wines from eastern Hungary near the border of Austria and the Ukraine. In the unique wine-producing cellars are carved out of solid rock a large pool of qualified workers, many of whom worked the vineyards for centuries, produce the wines.

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Barry Gordone

### In concert tonight

Tonight, at 7:30 p.m., Berkeley High School Concert Orchestra and the Berkeley High School Concert Chorale perform at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. Andrew Steward will play a piano solo. Donations will be taken at the door.

## BSO premieres new composition as 25th anniversary season continues

The Berkeley Symphony will continue its 25th Anniversary Season at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20 at UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall. Maestro Kent Nagano will lead the orchestra and Bay Area mezzo-soprano Lorraine Hunt in a performance of Brahms' *Alto Rhapsody*. BSO principal violinist Linda Ghidossi-DeLuca will be featured in Ralph Vaughan Williams' *Flos Campi*.

In both works, the orchestra and soloists will be joined by the UC Berkeley Chorus. The program will also include the world premiere of *Wake-Up Music* by Tod Machover commissioned by the BSO, and a performance of Sibelius' *Symphony No. 1*.

A former violist, San Francisco native Hunt has already been recognized as one of the most outstanding singers of her generation, notably for her performance of the music of Handel, Mozart and Berlioz, as well as contemporary works. She has appeared with

the Houston Grand Opera, the Boston Lyric Opera, and the San Francisco, Houston, Boston, and Saint Louis Symphonies.

Recently, she received unanimous praise from Bay Area music critics in her performance of Berlioz' *Les Nuits d'ete* with the Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra under Nicolas McGegan. Her most recent recording is Britten's *Phaedra* with the Halle Orchestra and Kent Nagano for Erato records.

BSO Principal violinist Linda Ghidossi-DeLuca soloed in Berlioz's *Harold in Italy* with the orchestra in the 1992-93 season. She is a graduate of the Juilliard School where she received degrees in solo and chamber music performance.

After attending UC Santa Cruz with Kent Nagano, Tod Machover studied composition at the Juilliard School with Elliott Carter and Roger Sessions. Since 1985, he has been professor of music and

media, and director of the music group at MIT's Media Lab. His opera *VALIS*, composed for the 10th anniversary of *Centre Pompidou* in Paris has been a major international success, including a "Best of the Year" citation by the New York Times.

*Wake-Up Music* was composed in the summer of 1995 on a commission for the BSO's 25th anniversary season. As its title suggests, the work is about waking up in various ways. The piece is based in the composer's observation of his newborn daughter Hana as "her perception of the world around her grew crisper and more differentiated month by month and day by day."

Mini-series subscriptions for the rest of the season are still available. Single tickets range in price from \$16 to \$30, with discounts for students and senior citizens. For information or to order tickets call 841-2800 or the CAL Performances Box Office at 642-9988.

## Berkeley Ballet Theatre

### 'Nutcracker': a fairytale sweetly told

By Ariel Parkinson

Berkeley Ballet Theatre's *Nutcracker* goes back to basics — youth, charm, the discipline of an exacting art—and a convincing fairy tale inventively and sweetly told. Clara and Fritz are genuine protagonists with lots to do in moving the story and in dance. They are on stage from the beginning. We first see them as homeless children huddled under a blanket. Fritz tries to crash the party. In Clara's dream, helped by Drosselmeyer, whose house it is, they do.

In Saturday night's performance, Clara, played by Rosalie Ward, sailed across the stage in a perfect jump-of-cat, supported by the stalwart John de Serio as Fritz. Both Ward and de Serio have that magical quality Orojection — in this case generally smiling

The production is intelligent, theatrical. The level of technical excellence matches the charm.

— Megan Somogyi as the Dancing Doll; Elizabeth Duval

as Mother Ginger, dippy and distraught, keeping track of her small charges; Nicolas Pacana, who can execute an intricate turn or leap or mime a battle with equal precision, strength, charisma.

Lauren Jonas as the Sugar Plum Fairy is another professional beautifully used in this production. Nothing could be more beguiling than the two Bo-Peeps and their six black-limbed, drop-eared, fury little Lambs — trans-species dressing that, one might say, elicits the best of the two elements.

The last few moments, with recapitulation and progression of both the story and the spectacle, are very touching.

Costuming by Sally Streets is delightful, sometimes inspired. David Ludwig's drops, commedia wigs, large, shape light, distance and the sense of place. They are a pleasure in themselves, and in their color-tone and value keep the focus on the dancers. They have appeared in this production incrementally. One more for the Party Scene and the piece will be complete.

Streets and Robert Nochols are co-choreographers. Streets direct the Berkeley Ballet Theatre School which, with the addition of a few professionals, provides the dancers. The production is intelligent, theatrical, expertly coached. In the principals, including Clara and Fritz, the level of technical excellence matches the charm.

Remaining performances are Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. all at the Julia Morgan Theater, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. Tickets are \$12 (\$10 for children, seniors and students). Call 843-4689 for reservations or more details.

### A's, friends dance with Oakland Ballet

In what has been a tradition for the past nine years, Tony La Russa has invited Bay area sports and media personalities to team up with Oakland Ballet for All-Star Night at the *Nutcracker*, 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, at the Paramount Theatre in Oakland.

The annual event (formerly called A's Night at the *Nutcracker*) is one of the most eagerly anticipated of Bay Area holiday traditions, drawing capacity crowds and uniting sports and ballet fans in this unique community-based event. La Russa and friends will dance actual portions of the *Nutcracker* ballet with Oakland Ballet.

Headlining the celebrity guest-dancer lineup are La Russa, A's player Todd Van Poppel, Bay Meadows jockey Luis Juarez, retired Warrior Nate Thurmond, KTVU-TV's Dennis Richmond, KPIX-TV's Doug Murphy, KGO-TV's Terilyn Joe and Martin Wyatt, KRON-TV's Henry Tenenbaum and Dr. Tara Fields, KFRC Radio's Cammy Blackstone, KMEL Radio's Renel and others to be announced.

Tickets for All-Star Night are \$5-\$35. Special new children's discount tickets are \$5-\$28. To charge by phone, call 762-2277 or (415) 776-1999.

## BCB at Zellerbach

Berkeley City Ballet continues its 14th season of *Nutcracker* performances at UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall on Dec. 16 at 2 and 8 p.m. and Dec. 17 at 2 p.m.

BCB principal dancer Xiao Ping Liu-Moore, a former principal with the Beijing Dance Academy, will grace the stage again this year as the Sugar Plum Fairy, and Sam Weber, recipient of the New York Dance Critics Award, is the guest Cavalier.

For tickets call 642-9988.



Franck (Martin Short) and George (Steve Martin) in the nursery.

What's astonishing about *Father of the Bride Part II* is how a whole movie has been spun out of the tiniest of premises, namely: Just as they're about to become grandparents, George and Nina Banks find themselves about to become parents again.

If you've seen the trailer, you've just about seen the whole picture, at least most of its good lines. Yet what's also surprising is how likeable the film is. Because what is left out of the trailer is its emotional element, primarily the bond between George (Steve Martin) and his daughter Annie (Kimberly Williams).

Director Charles Shyer and

writers Shyer and Nancy Meyers have shepped the entire cast of the 1991 *Father of the Bride*, which they also wrote and directed, into this sequel (actually, it's a sequel of a remake, and a remake of a sequel — maybe the first such combination on record?).

"Beyond this Forest"

Jane Jacobson, Palo Alto, won first prize for "A Document of Roses"; Naomi Feigelson Chase (Truro, Mass.) took second place with the poem-sequence "Why the Messiah Is Not Perfect and Why She Can't Marry"; Joanna Carlsen (Tesuf, N.M.) and Barbara Reissner (Allentown, Pa.) tied for third.

Nina is again played by Diane Keaton, Nina and George's 12-year-old son Matty by Kieran Culkin, brother of Macaulay, and the demon caterer/bridal consultant/now also decorator Franck Eggelhoffer by Martin Short.

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## Berkeley poet wins Rosenberg honor

Elizabeth Rosner of Berkeley will be honored with the New Emerging Poet award at the 1995 Anna Davidson Rosenberg Award for Poems on the Jewish Experience this Sunday, Dec. 17, 2 to 4 p.m. at the Judah Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St. in Berkeley.

Rosner was honored for four poems including "Gravity" and

The prestigious Rosenberg Award program is the only national/international competition for unpublished poetry in English on the Jewish experience. Past winners have included Myra Sklarow, Robin Becker, Seymour Mayne and other fine poets both well-known and emerging. Winners have ranged in age from 9 to 92.

**East Bay Events**

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Following a hiatus caused by World War II the Imperial Hungarian vineyard has resumed production.

To purchase tickets in advance for \$25 call City Arts Box Office at 798-1300. Tickets are \$28 at the door. The City Club is at 2315 Durant.



Hiro Sugimura's 'Balance Rock, Arches National Park' is part of his exhibit of Cibachrome prints, titled 'Winter Light,' currently showing at the Photolab Gallery, 2235 Fifth St., Berkeley, through Feb. 10. Hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Phone is 644-1400.

**Philippine tradition**

**Simbang Gabi** is an old tradition in the Philippines of awaiting the birth of the savior with nine masses held in the early morning hours from Dec. 16 to Dec. 24. After the mass churchgoers partake in an early breakfast of rice cakes such as *bibingka* or *puto bumbong* with *salabat* (ginger tea) coffee or chocolate.

In honor of this tradition, St. John the Baptist Church, 11150 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito, presents *Simbang Gabi* at 6 a.m. this Saturday. Fr. Leo Asuncion will officiate; the Filipino Cursillo Singers will sing. A potluck *Salu-Salo* and caroling will follow in the auditorium.

Volunteers to decorate the church for the occasion are invited to call Fr. Leo at 232-5659.

**Classical Sunday at Maybeck**

Glen Cole Dalton brings his keyboard expertise to works by Poulenc, Scarlatti, Mendelssohn, Chopin and Fauré at Maybeck Recital Hall on Sunday, Dec. 17 at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$20.

Reserve a place a Maybeck's New Year's Eve celebration with Paul West, vocals, Dick Whittington, piano and Bill Douglass, bass. For information call 848-3228.

Maybeck is at 1537 Euclid, Berkeley.

**Christmas concert**

First Presbyterian Church, Dana and Channing in Berkeley, hosts a Christmas concert complete with audience caroling on Sunday at 8 p.m.

On the program are works by J.S. Bach, including *Cantata 140, Sleeper's Awake*, and J.C.F. Bach, and Giacomo Perti.

Parking, admission and childcare are free. A lecture precedes the concert at 7:30 p.m.

**European Christmas**

Hausmusik hosts "In Natali Domini, Renaissance and Traditional Christmas Music from the British Isles, Spain and Germany" on Sunday, Dec. 17 at 8 p.m. at St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 1501 Washington St., Albany.

Performers include Elizabeth Rau, soprano; Eileen Hadidian, renaissance recorder and flute; Shira Kammen, violin, early harp and vielle; Natalie Cox, early harp, and Julie Jeffrey, viola da gamba.

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**Books for kids: a holiday staple**

By Barbara L. Sloane

The works of Bay area authors and illustrators fill the shelves of the children's book departments. What a perfect way to polish off your holiday gift-buying for little people from ages 3 to 14.

For preschoolers to third-graders: *I Never Did That Before* by Lilian Moore, illustrated by Lillian Hoban (Atheneum, \$15). These poems by Berkeley author Moore celebrate the excitement a child feels at accomplishing something—anything—for the first time. Whether it's sledding, climbing on monkey bars, skipping or tasting a new food, the child's delight in each new adventure fills this book.

*Babushka's Doll* is by one of my grandchildren's favorite authors, Oaklander Patricia Polacco. This new paperback edition (Aladdin, \$5.95) tells the story of Natasha who learns an important lesson about balancing work and play from her beloved Babushka and a hyperactive doll. As usual, Polacco's colorful illustrations make her original story unique.

*Carolina Shout* by Alan Schroeder, pictures by Bernie Fuchs (Dial, \$14.99) celebrates the many street vendors' songs which were once a part of city life. The Alameda author lets us hear these voices of the past through the ears of Delia, who lives in Charleston, South Carolina, in the pre-World War II years.

Amy Tan has written a haunting tale in *The Moon Lady* (Aladdin,

\$5.95.) When three sisters wish for the rain to stop, their grandmother Ying-ying recounts a story from her childhood, one which proves that the best wishes are those you can make come true yourself. Gretchen Schields' richly detailed, full-page illustrations enhance the fairy tale quality of Ying-ying's experience.

The East Bay has an abundance of talented illustrators of children's books. Elisa Kleven, who lives in Albany, has won awards for past efforts. *Isla*, written by Arthur Dorros (Dutton, \$15.99) will only increase her reputation. Her brilliant collage art scenes depict the adventures of Rosalba and her grandmother, Abuela, as they travel via their imaginations to *la isla*, the island of Abuela's youth. Complete with a Spanish glossary, this book is a delightful way to introduce another language and culture to young children.

Berkeley artist Sheldon Greenberg paints scenes which evoke the Australian outback world of *Flood Fish* by Robyn Eversole (Crown, \$16.) This true account of the desert area where fish appear following rains is almost more magical than fiction.

*Advice for a Frog* by Alice Schertle, illustrations by Berkeley artist Norman Green (Lothrop, \$16) is a most unusual poetry collection. The subjects are animals such as rhinos, iguanas, cheetahs and Galapagos tortoises, many of them almost frightening in appearance. Green's drawings of these extraordinary creatures are faithful to their patterns and col-

ors, while the poems emphasize each animal's distinctive characteristics.

Children ages 8 and up can read for themselves *Favorite Fairy Tales Told in Czechoslovakia* retold by Virginia Haviland, illustrated by Richmond artist Anca Hariton (Beech Tree Paperback, \$4.95). This book is one in a series of 16 books of fairy tales from various countries. With the evil kings and wicked stepmothers we expect in classical tales, we also know that the honest prince and beautiful princess will overcome all obstacles to a happy ending.

Girls in grades 5 to 9 will enjoy *Ghosts in the Family* by Marilyn Sachs (Dutton, \$5.99). Sachs, the author of many award-winning books for young adults, tells the story of Gabriella Russell. Left alone after her mother's death, Gabriella keeps her courage alive while awaiting her absent father's return by focussing on a family portrait of her famous ancestor. When she encounters estranged members of her father's family, many of the secrets of his life are revealed.

Several holiday offerings will delight the entire family. *Silver Bells*, illustrated by Robert Steele of San Francisco (Simon & Schuster, \$12), is a novelty book. Based on the well-known Christmas song, this book plays the melody while one after another, beautiful scenes of a snowy New York City pop-up to capture the beauty of the city's loveliest spots.

*This is My Song* by Vy Higginsen

has pictures by Oaktree Joysticks (Simon & Schuster, \$12). This collection of words and music favorites "Jesus Moved," and "Nobody I've Seen."

Higginsen also includes an informative introduction and photo album highlighting the leading gospel singers through the years. A box set of each of the thirty sets gives its historical and musical qualities. Illustrations of families singing church, and sunsets captures the emotional songs, a vital part of American culture.

My final suggestion may family could use a year long. *Kids' Holidays* by Penny Warner of Dan Schuster (\$12), covers with activities for every month, recipes, decorations, and for 34 different holidays, imagine kids being busy New Year, Passover, Juneteenth, Veteran's Day, and 29 other holidays with helpful, detailed Kathy Rogers. Official holidays get pages of special "Sunday Days." Give this book on your list and you can on New Year's Eve Book, Party Hats and a late Mint drink. Happy

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By Frosene Phillips

OUT AND ABOUT

When comic Craig Shoemaker steps onto the stage, the mixture of confidence, playfulness and talent come at the audience like a theater performance. Appearing last week at Tommy T's in San Ramon, this versatile performer is a master of impressions, sings a tune with authority and sustains the attention span of the audience without missing a beat.

Likening himself to a multiple personality, it is the unexpected transformation into "The LoveMaster" that brings down the house. As his eyes narrow and his voice drops to a sexy soulful pitch, the words "Hey, baby" introduce this alter ego throughout the show. An interesting contrast following a Barney Fife impression, The LoveMaster succeeds in seducing the crowd with his direct suggestive remarks. Remarks that are quickly attempted to be neutralized with yet another character — Mr. Erase, who demonstrates the gift of apology.

Claiming that his therapist charges him group rates, Shoemaker's ability to move in and out of his desired persona is fixating. Hard to imagine that the 6' 3" native Philadelphian once thought of himself as a geek. It is that self imagine along with an unconventional father and mother that shaped Shoemaker's LoveMaster. The LoveMaster says the things that Shoemaker always wanted to say to the girls in high school if they would just give him a chance. Back then he was a mere 5'1". Now, however, the handsome comic appears to wrestle with that early image and the image of today and it all arrives on the stage come showtime.

Raised by a single mom and growing up in an all female household he shares, "My mother taught me to drive. I can't drive worth a s---, but I can change clothes at a stop light." It was his attorney mom that introduced him to work in a law firm in his earlier years. There, he would entertain his colleagues in the lunch room. His performing talents were not to be contained and young Shoemaker would eventually work wherever he could find it.

That was 17 years ago. Today, along with television credits that include "Showtime's Comedy Club Allstars," "Evening at the Improv" and "Comic Strip Live," he is currently preparing to start filming and starring in "Craig Shoemaker Meets...The LoveMaster" as well as another upcoming feature film and a sitcom based on his life. "The LoveMaster made my career," he told me. LoveMaster or not, you can expect to see more of Shoemaker in the future. This man is not to be contained.



**RESTAURANT BITES:** Zza's Trattoria at 552 Grand Ave. in Oakland is celebrating Hannukah next Thursday, Dec. 21 with a special menu. This inspired four-course meal honors the enclave to which Jews were confined in medieval Venice — the Jewish cooks incorporated the cuisine into basic dishes of their homeland. Zza's \$25 prix fixe dinner includes such dishes as Triglie All'Ebraica (red snapper with a balsamic vinegar, pine nut and raisin sauce) and Cavoli Ripieni (cabbage stuffed with ground veal, garlic and breadcrumbs in a tomato sauce). Music will be provided by Kelzermaniax. For reservations call (510) 839-2308...Pat Kuleto's latest Bay Area restaurant has opened in San Ramon. Bighorn Grill features a smoke oven and rotisserie. Mark Franz, formerly of Star's, is the consulting chef.



**WEEKEND SCENE:** Dianne Reeves at Kimball's East...Salsa Caliente Friday and Orquesta Original Saturday at Kimball's Carnival...Glen Cole Dalton Sunday at the Maybeck Recital Hall...Jim Brown at Scott's...Ken Kanapila and Friends at the Temple Bar...Dave Widlock and John Heller Friday and Mark Holzinger Saturday at Daniel's in Albany...Nob Hill Sounds Friday at the Oakland Veterans Memorial Building and Sunday at the Piedmont Veterans Memorial Building.

Ellis Marsalis Quartet at Yoshi's Nitespot...Built for Comfort Saturday at the Pacific Coast Brewing Co....Live music Thursday at Coffee Head...Red Archibald & the Internationals Friday and the Daniel Castro Band Saturday at Brennan's...John Turk at the Ramada Inn...Alula & World Citizens Friday and Creation Saturday at the Paradise Bar & Grill...Garth Webber & Co. Friday and the Sarah Baker Band Saturday at The Baltic.

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"One cannot think  
well, love well,  
sleep well, if one  
has not dined well."

—Virginia Woolf

# Dear Santa,

If you're looking for inspiration this holiday season, these letters — from children and also some parents in need — might help. These are genuine letters about genuine feelings, and they are especially rich in hope.

For the most part, the requests are modest — a few bicycles, for sure, but what child doesn't dream about a spiffy bike under the tree? These children want shoes, sox and good cheer for themselves, their friends, and most of all, the people they love.

To help make their holiday dreams more real, contact the Oakland District of the U.S. Postal Service at 210 18th St., Room 228, Oakland 94612; phone 251-3374 or 251-3375; fax 451-2067.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,  
My name is Bruce. I'm in 5th grade. I'm 10 years old. Please, I want a bike if you can for Xmas. I never wrote to you before.., Santa, but this time I really need it.

THANK YOU, SANTA, AND HAVE A NICE XMAS. HO, HO, HO.

BRUCE

DEAR SANTA,

I was very good on Halloween. I would like a doodle bear and a Lisa Frank bedroom set, Lisa Frank jewelry box, Lisa Frank play car, Sony Walkman, Santa doll, Kitten, roller blades, little cat, Pocahontas doll.

SARA

SEAR S.C.,

I'm writing to you with a crying heart — for my step girls, Jesika, 8, Yolanda, 14. I saw your article in the newspaper this a.m. I was very touched for you and your volunteers to help people in need.

Their mom, my girl, Tina, who I'm very proud of — we have been together 16 years — she has held the family together by herself! She's a good woman — no nonsense, no drugs, and she puts up with me.

I usually in jail for parole violations. But the girls deserve better.

One Xmas I bought them Fila tennis shoes from Footlocker. They were so happy. I wish I could do it again. But I won't be home this Xmas.

I was going to please ask if you can give them the same gifts — repeat a happy Xmas for me. I don't deserve anything, but they do. I wish you could meet Jesika. She is precious.

If you do this or not, when I get out Feb. 10, 1996, I will be down to the post office to put in my application. Over the years I used to dream of being a postman. Anyway, the girl's sizes are Tina, size 6, Yolanda, 14 years, size 8, Jesika, 8 years, size 1.

I love you. MERRY X.

AL

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,

For Christmas I want a binder with 500 pieces of paper, a pencil, and a pen. I also want a Batman toy. I would like a wallet also. And I also want a teddy bear.

KENNETH

Hi Santa,

I am 5 years old. I am writing this letter cause I want a bike and clothes and a babydoll for Xmas. My mom can't afford to get me and my lil sis nothing cause she only gets \$490 on welfare — she days rent of \$415 — cause they took my lil sis off her check. Well, it's a long story about that, but she'll have her back soon. Anyway, Santa, can you please, please send me something for Xmas cause I'll be waiting for it. I wear size 6x in pants and size 11-1/2 in shoes. My lil sis eas at 3T in clothes and 7 in shoe. She's only 2 years old.

Bye Sata,  
LaShante

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,

I'm 7 years old. I have a little brother that is 2. His name is DeVaun and my name is Raphael. I'm looking forward to Christmas just to see how happy my baby brother will be. This will be his first Real Christmas he will have an idea who Santa is. One thing about

my baby brother, he always wants to play with my toys. I wish he could have a train set that goes around a track and that I could have my own train set.

I also wish we could have some Guess jeans overalls alike. I wear a size 8 regular and my brother wears 5T or 4T.

Raphael

P.S.

I'll have some homemade chocolate chip cookies waiting for you, Santa. I'll have my mom make them.

DEAR SANTA,

My name is Damon and I am 3 years old and my baby brother is 3 months. His name is Derek. I want some shoes size 8-1/2 and a remote car and my baby brother wants a couple of clothes outfit size 18 months.

THANK YOU, SANTA.

My mom doesn't have much food for Christmas so would you please help us. THANK YOU, SANTA CLAUS.

DEAR SANTA,

I am having this letter wrote to you because I have what is known as a mental delay and I don't write, read or spell very well. I am 12 years old and I just had surgery on my leg. My doctor said it will be three months before I'll be able to walk again.

So I lay in my bed and watch TV. My mom and my sister spend a lot of time with me, but I would like to ask you for some games or toys my sister and I can play with while I am in bed. My sister is 6 years old, and mentally I am 7 years old so it works out OK. I hope you can help my mom with this because she is having a hard time and I don't know where my dad is. Then my mom might not worry about Christmas so much or what she is going to do.

Thank you, Paulena

SANTA,

Please bring toys for me, Kasha, age 3, and my little sister Maya, age 2. We have been very good. We like your red suit and the way you say Ho! Ho! Ho!

LOVE & KISSES, KASHA AND MAYA



DEAR SANTA CLAUS,

What's up, Santa? I have not been up to much lately. I have basically been a good girl this year. And what I have done bad I have regretted and/or confessed to my parents. And I have done so with what I have regretted the most.

I am sure you know what I wrote you for. So here goes. First, I would like for my mother's shop to be successful, and for a lot of people to come to her grand opening.

For my daddy I would like for his car to turn out the way he wants it and for him to be stress free for Christmas.

Last, for me, all I want for Christmas is for me to land all of my jumps consistent and my spin to be centered and "almost perfect." I would also like a couple of pieces of clothing (only if they can be spared) or if I deserve them, but what I want most of all in the whole, wide world for me is for my parents to let me be coached like a real skater (all of the time more than once a week kind of like Nicole Bobek and Michelle Kwan) so that I can be in competitions and skating programs. Please Santa, that is all I want most for Christmas. There is nothing more that I want for Christmas or ever than to be coached for competitions and/or skating programs. Please, Santa, please. I have been good.

Last but not least, please let the following have a good and



joyful Christmas:  
Dad... all the families that  
ARE OR NOT LESS  
FORTUNATE THAN OTHERS, AND  
EVERYBODY WHO IS LESS  
FORTUNATE WITHOUT FAMILIES, ETC, ALL THE FIGURE SKATERS IN THE WORLD  
(Even Tonya Harding.)

Thank you, Santa, for the past 17 years and the years to come for me, my family, my future family, and for others.

Love, Tinja

P.S.

I still and always will believe!

Hi Santa,

My name is Carman and my sister, Eva. We heard somebody said they had a present last year. May we have Christmas present this year? We hope we will have it. Hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Carman

My name is Jaspreet and I am 11 years old. I know that there is no Santa Clause but if there is any Santa Clause, my wish is. Actually, I have two or three wishes. First one is a year or two late, but next year my family can have enough money to buy a Christmas tree and some beautiful lights on the house. It's not like we are poor or anything, it's like we are in the middle. My second wish is that we can have a vacation, my whole family, I don't know where yet. My third wish is my family can be happy, never trouble for anything like that. If I have any wrong spelling that is because I came to America from India. So please make in wishes come true if there is Santa Clause. And I forget that I know that am a little old to believe in Santa. Oh, I almost forgot Merry Christmas, Santa,

Love, Jaspreet



DEAR SANTA CLAUS, I have been a good learning my ABCs and my numbers. I crafts and play with Sean and Michele. To my mom and my dad, help clean the and I eat all my waffles up. and make happy plate. This is what I want for Christmas.

1. BARBIE house, 2. Doll house stuff, 3. Baby doll, 4. Books; 5. MOVIES, 6. GAMES, 7. Cups, 8. Hat.

WHEN YOU COME TO MY HOUSE ON CHRISTMAS EVE YOU CAN HAVE FOUR COOKIES AND SOME MILK.

Lindsay

DEAR SANTA

I love you, Santa, and hope you love me,

too. I have been a very good girl this year. I can't wait until Christmas to see what you are bringing me this year. Tell Santa hello for me too and that I love her, too. Hope you have merry Christmas and a happy New Year too

LOVE, LATEHA

DEAR SANTA,

My name is Aileen. I'm going to be 9 year old in December and I never wrote to you before but this time I really need it. Please, Santa Clause, can you please get me a bike, please, because I never had a bike of my own before. I have a sister and she's 3 years old. And can you please get my sister some clothes and she wears size 4 toddlers. Please Santa, that's all I want. OK? Thank you very much, Santa. Have a nice Christmas

Sincerely, Aileen 7 CARMAN

SANTA,

I know you are busy but hope you get my letter. My Grandmother keeps me and my brother. She lives and takes care of us.

My real mommy is sick right now. And we live with my grandma. But that's OK.

We love our Grandmama very, very much. When I grow up and be big I am going to be a fireman and my little brother is to be a policeman.

And buy my mama a car and take her places.

My name is Correy and I am 6 years old. I want for Xmas some kind of toy to help me to learn and be very smart in school. I like my school a lot. I'm in the first grade. Sometimes I need help with stuff though. Also, I really want a race car set.

Thank you, Santa. I will give you milk and cookies when you come to our house. Love you, Santa.

My brother is Thurston. He's mean to me sometimes. But I forgive him and love my brother.

He goes to another school cause he doesn't talk good. But that's OK. I know what he says. He's 4.

He would like a train set. He likes them a whole lot. And he likes the Blue Ranger that talks, too.

Please bring them if you can, Santa. Thurston will give you cake and nuts. He likes peanuts.

My Grandma said she has all she needs. I'm not told her but you can know, Santa. She's 50 years. She's a good Grandma. And we love her a whole bunch.

We don't have a daddy though. He doesn't want to see us that's OK.

Love you, Santa.

Correy

P.S. We will help you if you would like us to, Santa. We go to the North Pole and see your house and Mrs. Santa.

SANTA,

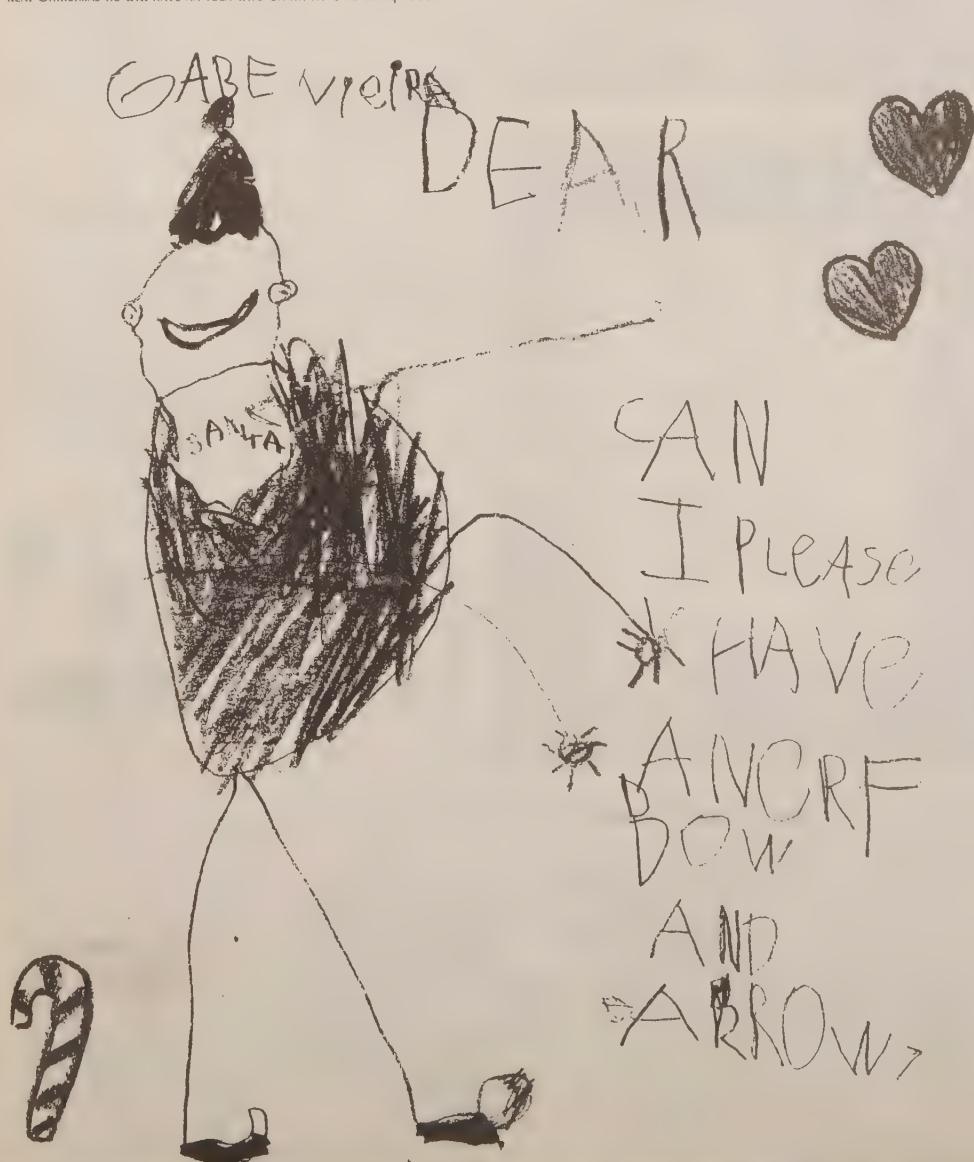
My name is Shatoya and I am 10 years old and I was wondering if I could get a radio and some socks and boots.

6. THANK YOU, SANTA, SHATOYA

Hi

My name is Ajay and I'm 10 years old. I believe in Santa sometimes although I never get anything in my stockings. I'm so grateful of you putting that ad in the newspaper. It can really help some people. It helps me, I mean I had really given up on the three things I ever wanted. All I ever wanted was a video game (Wrestlemania arcade game), a skateboard. I'll really like to have these only three things.

Happy Christmas, Ajay



# SPORTS

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## silver & black's White makes fans, players see red

coach Mike White is a interesting way of and because this is just now familiar with his team. "For whatever reason, he is saying, "for whatever reason, he says 'whatever reason' after the game, which has been four in a row Sunday's stinker Steelers. Considering all of the losing streak had plenty of reasons for whatever reason."

"For whatever reason" is an intriguing figure of speech in a coach's repertoire, and it means something like, "Duh, I'm coach Mike White and I don't have the slightest clue why my team is going into the dumper."

Being clueless is what White is all about. He doesn't even try to disguise it. Hell, he advertises



■ Lowell Cohn

it. How do I know? Well, his second-favorite phrase is, "I'm not real sure," which he says with alarming regularity. Question: "Why is your team not focused even though the playoffs are near?" Answer: "I'm not real sure."

Not to put too fine a point on it, but, for whatever reason, it's White's job to be real sure, especially at a time like this. He is, after all, the head coach. Or am I giving him too much credit?

Let me share a few more classics from Mike (Don't Expect Me To Know The Answer) White. Q: "What have you done to turn your team around." A: "Oh, you mean myself?"

No, Mike, we mean the water boy. We mean the equipment manager. We mean "football's fabulous females," the Raiderettes. Of course, we

mean you. For whatever reason, you're the one in charge.

Q: "Mike, with the team not playing well in the playoff stretch, do you ever question yourself?" A: "Oh no, not at all."

Well, gee, maybe you should. You talk about your team not coming together, not hitting its stride, not understanding what's at stake, but at some point, you have to look at yourself, ask how it is that you could have the Raiders ready at the beginning of the season but not at the end.

I'm not the only one questioning you. Cornerback Albert Lewis seems to be

wondering what it is you do for a living these days besides pacing the sideline looking lost.

Me: "Mike White said he's not real sure why the team is playing so poorly. Do you have any insights?" Lewis, his voice aggressive, angry: "A better question is, "What is he going to do about it?"

Ooh, that's an in-your-face thing, Mike, and it implies that you don't have a grip. Do you?

We can only judge by your team's performance. The Raiders committed, not one, but two infractions on the opening kickoff, which may be a record

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## Another coach: from royalty to commoner

John Gardella

Caraballo comes from East Bay basketball tradition. Mary's first-year coach played his high school ball at Bishop O'Dowd. Then, he worked as an assistant coach for Frank LaPorte at St. Joseph for 12 years. In other words, he never quite got accustomed to

watch him pace the sidelines is to see him personified. The Panthers are off to a 1-5 start this year. What he does, the one thing Caraballo does on the court and execute for his players. Improvements every time we play, something good that we can build on," Caraballo said. "We need to start hitting our open shots. We need to make some offensive rebounds. We need to make an offense."

weekend's Vontore Spartan Classic, the Panthers opened up against host De La Salle, and got off to a 32-39. But Caraballo was able to find a way in that debacle, noting that his team, after trailing 49-20, in the first half, outscored the Spartans six in the second.

day's loss to Castlemont the following night was closer, 64-55. But it was a bad first half that the Panthers ended the second quarter trailing

us like we have a bad quarter or a bad half, we have to claw our way back into the game," said.

He said he's pleased most by his team's unselfishness. In St. Mary's final game of the year, his opponent, Westchester of Los Angeles, led after three quarters, but the Panthers came back and in that fourth-quarter comeback which led to a 10-point gap to just 10 points. Caraballo had a bright future. It apparently didn't look good for sophomore Duane Jones, playing with seven points from an injury sustained against De La Salle. Bryant added 10 in the final quarter also had a team-high 21 points against

Caraballo said of his team. "Jones inspired ball and he's just a sophomore.

at the way we are struggling, but I see some things and I remind myself I'm here, rebuilding program. Plus, there's no quit in these kids and I'm not.

It takes a few years to rebuild at this predominantly school, but Caraballo doesn't seem to be losing. With a few more Joneses and I'm not to worry.

Mike Dade was selected to the all-tournament, scoring 31 points in the three games. Today's next game is at home against Jameson on Monday at 5:30 p.m.

## C finally gets it goin'

on a roller-coaster season so far for the El Cerritos basketball team.

El Cerritos has played five games, including a opening upset loss to Santa Rosa and a heart-warming victory over Serra Saturday.

Coach Chris Huber thinks his team's play at the level it should have been for the

because, while teams from other sections begin practices the first week in November, the North Coast Section had to wait until before they could start up.

(NCS officials) use the excuse of overlapping, but that gave us only one week of practice before scrimmages began," Huber said.

the Gauchos are breaking in a whole new team, they could have used another week of practice. El Cerritos has a talented team and Huber believes they are starting to fall into place.

The Gauchos entered Saturday's Vontore Spartan Classic third place game with a 2-2 record. They opened up Thursday with a first-round win over Castlemont, 67-58, then lost to host De La Salle, 75-50, the following night.



—Jeff Lindquist—STAFF

### Cassidy hops along at Berkeley

An unidentified Berkeley High defender shields the ball from Piedmont's Cassidy Lundin (14), successfully preventing a goal last Saturday at Berkeley's Yellowjacket Field. But Remy Tennant scored a goal in the second half of the preseason soccer match to hold the Highlanders, winner of the Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League last year, to a 1-1 tie. See page 18 for more soccer.

11 of his team's 17 fourth-quarter points, including a perfect 4-for-4 from the free throw line.

The Gauchos were put into a position to win the game after the Padres' Dan Munda missed two free throws with 10 seconds left and his team leading, 51-50.

Huber called his team's final timeout before Munda's first free throw to set up his team's final play.

"I called time before the free throws to try and freeze him (Munda) and to set up our play," Huber said.

Munda missed the first free throw badly, and the crowd which was gathered for the championship game between De La Salle and Northgate, was clearly rooting for him to miss the second shot as well, which he did.

Jamaal Cotright, Jamaal's twin, rebounded the miss

"The De La Salle game didn't surprise me," Huber said. "The Spartans are a very talented team and we are just getting used to playing with each other."

A loss to Serra would have been surprising and disappointing, though. The Gauchos had already lost to a team they should have beaten, when Santa Rosa defeated EC at home, 57-52, in both teams' season opener. Another loss like that and the Gauchos' confidence would be sorely tested.

By halftime, the Gauchos trailed by 11 points, 30-19. Seven Serra players had scored. EC's press wasn't working and its offense looked stagnant.

"I thought we'd play well the last four minutes of the second quarter," Huber said. "I told them that in the locker room during halftime. I told them they needed better execution on both ends of the court. In the second half, things started falling into place, probably for the first time this season."

In the third quarter, EC began to assert itself on the boards, limiting the Padres to one shot each possession. Senior Justin Reid, who kept the Gauchos in the game with two first-half 3-pointers, hit his third 3 of the game and added two free throws. And point guard Jamal Jones atoned for a three-turnover half, by getting two assists and two steals, as the Gauchos narrowed the deficit to 43-35 after three.

The fourth quarter offered more of the same, as the Gauchos outscored the Padres, 17-8, for the victory. Mike Seals, who along with Jamaal Cotright are the only returning players from last year's playoff team, pulled down five rebounds and scored all five of his points in the fourth. Cotright added three rebounds and two steals in the final quarter to go with 11 points.

...Things started falling into place, probably for the first time this season.'

—CHRIS HUBER EC BOYS HOOPS COACH

and quickly outletted to his brother who got fouled near halfcourt and went to the line to shoot a 1-and-1. Both shots swished. Serra called a timeout to set up a play, but the Gauchos fullcourt press didn't let them get a final shot off.

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—John Gardella

## BHS missing one element

By Scott Kaplan

When a team's potential Achilles heel is chemistry, it most likely indicates that talent is not a concern. Such is the case for the Berkeley High girls basketball team, a squad which appears to be loaded.

Currently the Jackets are 2-2 after losing to Colfax in the consolation game of the Del Campo Invitational in Sacramento last Saturday. Despite losing two of three in the tough tourney, Yellowjacket's coach Gene Nakamura remains more than optimistic with his team's chances in 1995-96.

In fact the 14-year coaching vet is incredibly confident, and will go as far as to say that this year's squad is potentially his best since his state championship team in 1990-91.

"We've got a lot of returnees," said Nakamura. "We're just going to be real good. I think we're going to be better than (we were) last year."

The notion that this season's team will be better than the 1994-95 Jackets is staggering considering Berkeley went 27-3 overall, were undefeated in the league, and made it to the Northern California playoffs where they lost to eventual state champ Sacred Heart Prep.

Berkeley is blessed up and down its roster with size, quickness, and depth. The Jackets have a splendid backcourt in shooting guard Tejuanya Tolbert and playmaker Tiffany Green, while off the bench Nakamura relies on the quick Michelle Brewer.

"Basically I play 12 players and every one of them is a great athlete," said Nakamura. "They're all practically potential Division 1 players."

"My only concern is chemistry, because the talent is there. Basically what happens when there is no team chemistry is that everyone becomes concerned with their own game and not the team game."

Perhaps Nakamura's most heavily recruited player is 6-3-1/2 junior center Shavaki Jackson. Jackson bolsters an already stable frontline that features 5-10 forwards Deonna Sayles and Valerie Harvey.

Every year Nakamura makes it a point to have his players involved in hoops beyond just the regular season. This is especially crucial as Berkeley isn't necessarily blessed with powerful feeder schools.

"We create opportunities for our kids," said Nakamura. "Basically in our program I have a lot of

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## Albany's young but it does run

Prospects for the 1995-96 Cougars' girls hoops team are modest.

By Scott Kaplan

One wouldn't be going out on a limb to say that no many coaches are envious of Albany girls basketball coach David DeHart.

DeHart, in his second season as the Cougars coach, took over a program that had won just one game in the two previous years combined. And, while last year's squad made huge improvements, going 6-18, the prospects for the 1995-96 Cougars are modest.

"I hope we learn a lot," said DeHart. "I don't know if they're in store for a lot of wins. We're hoping maybe we can take some of the lower echelon teams. But everything is a question mark."

Youth appears to be a prime asset for Albany, which has three freshman, all of whom see significant playing time. Frosh April Johnson has played well, averaging 12 points per game at the Convent of the Sacred Heart tourney this past weekend. The Cougars' two other freshmen are centers Kimbra Baker and Amy Foster. Albany has just three seniors led by Veronica Cursch, a three-year starter.

"She's very fast and has the ability to steal the ball," said DeHart. "She has the ability to score on breakaways and is getting a little wiser on the complexities of the game."

Albany's roster goes 10 deep and DeHart has no qualms about using everyone. At the moment, his starting lineup is: Cushing (guard), junior guard Lynn Yamamoto, senior forward Mahsa Khodabakhsh, senior forward Liana Bean, and Foster at center. Off the bench Albany relies on Johnson, Baker, Alena Brown, Edie King, and Mia Yamamoto (Lynn's cousin).

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# Albany soccer: Seasoned youth

By Gray Cathrall

The three-year plan for Albany's soccer team is right on schedule and should be paying dividends this year.

When UC-Berkeley graduate Della Martinez started coaching the Cougars in 1993, only eight of the 20 players had any soccer experience. Martinez figured it would take three years to put the girls' program in a winning mode.

"It was a program without any tradition," Martinez explained.

But with a core of over-achieving freshmen two years ago, Albany surprised everyone by winning seven games in league and advancing to the North Coast Section playoffs for the first time in the school's history.

"I think it was the first time they had won any games," she said of their 7-7 record in 1993. "Doing that well helped us get more girls at tryouts the next year, and raised the level of their confidence."

But last year in a rain-marred season, when none of the 12 teams in the Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League finished their schedules, Albany finished 4-4-1, just missing the playoffs.

Now in her third year at Albany, Martinez sees nothing but blue skies ahead. "This year I'm so excited. It's a very strong, very experienced group of girls, and we're off to a great start. For the first time, we have at least 11 strong players," Martinez said.

The Cougars have at least 13 players who can play an entire game at the level demanded by the competition.

In a first, Albany entered the Concord Thanksgiving Tournament and

came away with the consolation championship, fifth among 10 teams. They lost 3-2 in an opening game to host Concord, then ran over Mt. Diablo and Holy Names by identical 3-0 scores.

The Cougars remain a young team, with only two senior starters, Niki Holt, at forward, and Stephanie Sala on defense. Five juniors and three sophomores provide the bulk of support, while three freshmen have been added, including two goalkeepers, Elizabeth Watty and Marisa Greenberg.

Three-year starters include Lindsay Watty, who plays forward and halfback; Marisol Brito, Mira Javandel and Annie Izaki at halfback; and Jenny Graves at fullback. Izaki, an all-league player, directs play from her center midfield position.

Three sophomore Bay Oaks players, all returnees, will provide immediate impact. Forwards Vanessa Preisler and Christina Leonard are likely to be among the team's top scorers, and Doris Mitchell takes over at stopper on defense.

Freshman Sonia Douglas, another Bay Oaks player, will inherit the sweeper position.

"She's incredibly fast, and behind her in goal we'll have good quickness with our two goalies," said Martinez.

"Maybe the best thing about this year is that I don't have to teach anybody to kick a soccer ball," Martinez said with a chuckle. "They know what it's all about. Our goal is to return to the North Coast playoffs. I'd love to see us finish in the top three in league."

run and run and run."

Thus far the Cougars have compiled a record of 2-5. Albany fell, 51-39, to host CSH last Saturday in the championship game in San Francisco. Johnson scored 10 points to lead the Cougars. Lynn Yamamoto and Cursch each had nine.

A day earlier the Cougars buried Marin Academy, 74-18. Cursch led all scorers with 20 points, while Johnson had 14.

**Scores**  
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## Cohn

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of sorts but is not exactly what you'd call getting off to a good start.

Later, they were whistled for having 12 men on the field. They were called for nine penalties in all (the Steelers committed one foul). By now we can safely reach the conclusion that your team continues to make the same self-destructive mistakes week after week. We've also noticed that the offense isn't so hot, couldn't manage a single touchdown against Pittsburgh.

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very dedicated assistant coaches who donate a lot of their time. We put a camp on at the beginning of the summer that draws players throughout the entire area. We go to three tournaments during the sum-

You may think this is stern, but for whatever reason, we hold you responsible. Coaches, you see, are expected to inspire and teach. But you seem like your predecessor, Art Shell, who was overmatched by being a coach in the NFL and got fired because of it.

Here's what I mean: It wasn't reassuring when, asked why the Raiders ran for 28 yards against the Steelers and eight the week before against Kansas City, you said, "I really don't know." For whatever reason, you're supposed to know.

People won't rally behind you when you say, "I am disappointed

mer and I also put a shooting camp on in October.

"We sort of take pride in our basic skills. Not only are our players athletic but they are good basketball players. They know the game, they can use either hand, and they can attack you in a lot of different ways."

that for whatever reason there isn't what I would call a playoff focus this time of year." If you don't know the reason, maybe the Raiders should hire someone who does.

The next two games will test you. It doesn't matter if Billy Joe Hobert is your quarterback or it's Jeff Hostetler or Newt Gingrich. Well-coached teams win. You want proof? The 49ers beat Dallas with Elvis Grbac.

One thing you can be sure of: Al Davis isn't going to cut you any slack, won't call a closed-door meeting like Eddie DeBartolo Jr. did after the Niners lost to Carolina.

Eddie smoothed things over, told the players and coaches to relax because he was 100 percent behind them.

That's not Al's style. If you blow this season after an 8-2 start, he'll make your life miserable. In fact, he's probably doing that right now.

EC aims  
at next  
NC lev

By Gray Cathrall

The only real  
Cerrito High soccer  
Sackey is whether  
team can get to the  
North Coast play

Since he revised  
girls program in 1995  
advanced to the NC  
years, only to be stronger better seasons.

Sackey led his team

record last year, battling  
to get in his games, and  
in the final week of the  
Gauchos finished

ACCAL, but got

offs because fourth

an Oakland Section

eligible.

This year we were  
first North Coast play

Sackey, who has

boys varsity at Head-

for three seasons.

El Cerro, much

and rival Albany, has

experienced team, with

players, but only three

of the Gauchos play

the Palominos, an U-

soccer team coached by

The three seniors are

the primary team

Abelson at sweater

bac Liz Fiero.

Driving the team will

players Tiffany Orlitz

Yee Choi, both junior

center forward, is the pos

sive player, and Choi

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Other junior star

ward Katrina Vroom

Compagno at right

Kahn at right halfba

back Maggie O'Ne

Risanen will share

Toro, and Luvin Zizan

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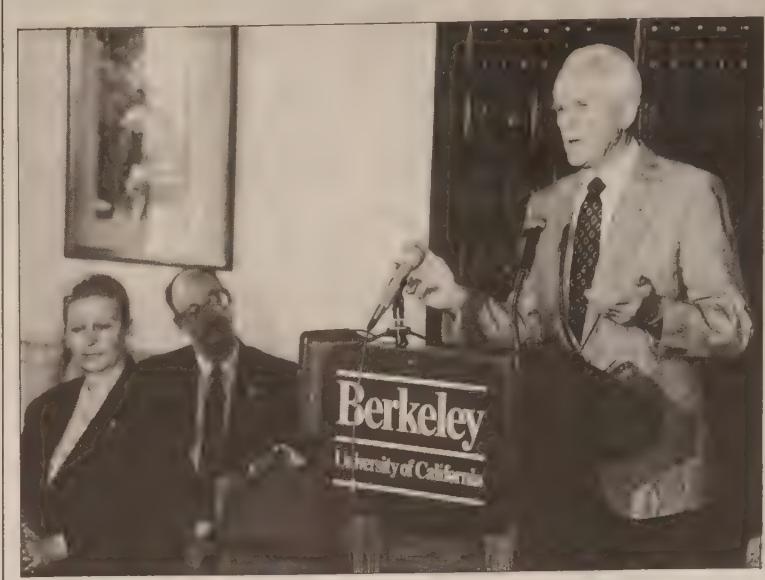
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"I'm excited about

year," Sackey said. "I

derstand the game more



-Jeff Lindquist — STAFF

## Let the Nemean Games begin

Paton Jordan, 1968 U.S. Olympic coach, addresses a gathering at UC-Berkeley last Thursday, to commemorate the start of the Nemean Games to be revived in Greece in June after 2,500 years. Nemean resident Pitty Kyriacopoulos and UC's Stephen Miller, center, authority on ancient athletics, look on.

## Young

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"We are trying to focus on our defense this year since we have a hard time scoring," said DeHart. "I don't really have what I can say is a lot of shooters that I can count on. Lynn, April, and Veronica can hit the outside shot..."

While fundamentally Albany has some flaws, it makes up for it with desire says DeHart.

"What I like about this team is they work hard, their attitude is much better this year," said DeHart. "They never let up in a game, they

run and run and run."

Thus far the Cougars have compiled a record of 2-5. Albany fell, 51-39, to host CSH last Saturday in the championship game in San Francisco. Johnson scored 10 points to lead the Cougars. Lynn Yamamoto and Cursch each had nine.

A day earlier the Cougars buried Marin Academy, 74-18. Cursch led all scorers with 20 points, while Johnson had 14.

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## BHS

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very dedicated assistant coaches who donate a lot of their time. We put a camp on at the beginning of the summer that draws players throughout the entire area. We go to three tournaments during the sum-

mer and I also put a shooting camp on in October.

"We sort of take pride in our basic skills. Not only are our players athletic but they are good basketball players. They know the game, they can use either hand, and they can attack you in a lot of different ways."

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# Seniors

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was going to be a real blow for the community shopping center itself," said the retired lab technician as he stared off toward the hills. "There are no clothing stores in the area."

"I don't understand it," he said. "With the market up and the economy going up, here we have down. This is home."

Naomi Torrez, a beefy woman with scarlet hands, came puffing around the corner to meet her husband. Mrs. Torrez, a librarian at Kaiser Permanente in Oakland, said the loss of the department store is a disappointment but not a surprise.

"It's a flourishing mall in the best of times," she said.

El Cerrito Plaza lost a major retailer several years ago, when R.W. Woolworth moved out with its lease. Smaller clothiers, Miller's Outpost and Fashion Era, have closed franchises at the Plaza as well.

John Sanger, vice-president for corporate communications at Federated Department Stores, explained that was "duplicative" of other stores in the area that have been recently added to the Federated chain.

He now owns R.H. Macy & Co., which has stores at the Hilltop Mall in Richmond and Sun

Mall in Concord. The closures were based on current store performance and longrange plans for the area and the future viability of the store," Sanger said.

John Nelson, a broker at Dean Witter Reynolds in San Francisco, said closing stores is a quick way for the chain to bring down expenses while maintaining profits. "They were efficient. They held down costs in spite of their weak third-quarter sales."

He doesn't comfort June Millard, a retired schoolteacher from Emeryville who has shopped the El

# Cardroom

from front page

as paying for their own legal services.

A group opposed to Measure F, the Friends of the Waterfront Committee, has also paid for Shute, Weinberger's services. Approximately \$14,000 went to the firm since Oct. 23, 1994, "to monitor" the measure, says the committee's leader, Jerri Holan.

The CRG, who have raised money from garage and small donations from individuals, the Friends of Albany Waterfront have received \$16,000 from the CRG and the Friends of the Albany Waterfront. There is no connection between their activities.

The lawsuit is resolved in favor of Albany. Ladbroke will pay the City \$1.35 million up front in licensing fees minimum of \$1.2 million a year, as well as donating \$500,000 for the construction of a portion of the mall.

Expectations are high as a result of the lawsuit. Albany Mayor Brodsky, who has supported the cardroom beginning, says that the CRG lawsuit "thwarts the

Cerrito Plaza since 1972. "And that was when you wore hats and gloves to go shopping," she said with a smile. "I buy all my stockings here, I get my watch repaired here, and my purses too. Instead of getting things done in one place, it now means four or five places."

Olive Butler, however, walking with her 93-year-old husband Stephen, wasn't shocked by the store's closing. "I'm not surprised," said the 83-year-old Londoner. "The prices are high and the stuff's rubbish. I was looking for shirts for my son. We couldn't find what we wanted." Mr. Butler, who remembered the 1906 earthquake in San Francisco and still has a driver's license, said he would drive to the Hilltop Mall in Richmond when the Emporium closes.

That's not good news for restaurant manager Leon Pano at nearby Kirby's coffee shop, which has catered to seniors for nearly 35 years. Pano rings up another lunch bill as Glenn Miller's "Moonlight Serenade" plays softly over the radio. The menu is classic American fare, spaghetti and meatballs, baked meatloaf, sirloin tips over noodles. "It's nothing fancy, said Pano, but good values, especially for seniors. Dinners, such as Thursday's special of corned beef with cabbage, include salad, drinks, and desserts for \$5.95.

"They only have so much money to spend," said Pano. "(But) I have a lot of people coming in, so I can keep my prices down."

Pano, a Greek native who has managed the restaurant for 10 years with the help of his family, said while he's worried what might happen to his business when Emporium closes, but he's more concerned for his customers, who might not be able to afford a price increase.

"If we have enough people, (our prices) will stay the same," he said, "otherwise, well, you can't survive on just \$5 a meal. But these people have no place else to go."

"will of the voters," and that anyone who took the time to go and look at the site on which the cardroom is to be built would see that it will not affect life in Albany in any detrimental way.

CRG president David Arkin says that what upsets him so much is not the cardroom itself but the manner in which Measure F was passed.

Arkin says the fact that an environmental review was not done before the election sets a "dangerous precedent," and adds, "The thing that fuels the fire is a great feeling of injustice, a feeling that the people of Albany have been wronged."

Many who support the cardroom have been frustrated by the lawsuit. Albany Police Chief Larry Murdo, who was head of "Yes on F" during the election, has, at this point, accepted the fact that the cardroom project might not reach fruition. He says that the City is in desperate need of the money, and that he is simply waiting for the lawsuit to be over and for an application to be filed by Ladbrooke.

"I'm like the state of Missouri right now," says Murdo. "Show me."

# Rotary

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around the world.

Stone also briefly addressed other goals Rotary has set for itself, including working for peace. That's a long-standing commitment, he said, noting that when the United Nations was founded and held its first meeting in San Francisco, "one-third of those attending were Rotarians."

With "fellowship" a major priority, "Be a Friend" is this year's established theme, he told the audience.

Before his public presentation, Stone met with the executive board of the El Cerrito Rotary. "He reminded us of the part we play in the international organization," said club president Jane Del Simone. "We're the No. 1 organization fighting to eradicate polio, supplying medical personnel and medicine...; we also send ambassadorial scholars to different parts of the world and have a study exchange program whereby business people can see how other people do things and bring that information back to us."

While El Cerrito has not participated in the international business exchange, a new member, Priscilla Enriques, has done so. Sponsored by the Richmond Rotary Club, Enriques studied in Korea for six weeks along with five other district representatives. She can now share what she learned with El Cerrito Rotarians, as she has in speeches to a number of different clubs.

Stone also looked over Del Simone's goals and objec-

tives for the year, applauding them, calling the El Cerrito club "right on target" in its work.

The Rotary's orientation this year continues the club's interest in the community's schools. At a recent meeting, representatives of various businesses served on a panel and answered questions from a corresponding panel of students.

"That was a kickoff for our high school shadow program," said Del Simone. "The theme was Job vs. Work; the students asked good questions, and many new ideas were raised."

"We were able to show them where we were coming from as business people, and they let us know where they were coming from as future business people."

Del Simone is pursuing her goals in exposing El Cerrito High School students to the real world of business, incorporating a new shadowing program and a career fair into the club's activities. The fair was once a regular school activity. Lost in budget cuts, the club hopes to help it happen again in El Cerrito.

The El Cerrito Rotary Club has also taken over a former city activity lost to budget cuts. The club has spearheaded a rejuvenated Fourth of July festival for the last several years. Recipients of profits have included Portola Junior High and the El Cerrito Library. This year, a portion of the funds are slated to meet a "wish list" for needed educational tools and supplies at E.C.H.S.

# Motel

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for public and council consideration of the matter.

Now, according to community development manager Gerry Raycraft, Rubicon and the property owner have not been able to agree on a price for the property. Rubicon representatives believe that issue will be settled in time to meet the next application deadline in March, said Raycraft.

Currently, the Idaho Motel is a private operation. In the past the community has perceived the establishment as one where drug, loitering and other problems have been regular occurrences; recently, the reputation of the motel has improved somewhat.

Rubicon, a well-respected non-profit service organization, and its supporters maintain that turning the motel into affordable housing would be an improvement. Tenants would be disabled persons already being served by Rubicon. They would include working persons and those who cannot work; they would be screened by Rubicon before being accepted as tenants. The housing would be

monitored by Rubicon's on-site manager and counselors.

Rental rates would be low but would rise should the tenants gain employment with higher wages; representatives believe those tenants would likely prefer moving on to other housing in such a case.

There has been some preliminary neighborhood opposition to the clientele the project would serve. Several business owners have also raised objections. One local business owner, for example, said in a letter to the city that she had already been "conned" for yard work by a man living at the motel on "aid."

"This is a sample of what we'll see," said the owner.

The El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency has approved a future loan commitment to Rubicon 10 years into the project should the organization receive additional funding commitments and applicable land use approvals and should it not find another funding mechanism in 10 years.

# Sand bags

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flooding or rising water with no apparent cause.

Struve has located a local supplier who can provide sand and sandbags, empty or filled — Sugar City, a rock and sand products business in Pinole.

If there is a problem of a public nature, Struve encourages citizens to call the city at 215-4382. Those experiencing emergency storm problems at night should call 911; the fire department and public works crew will do their best to respond.

City staff is hopeful that recent improvements will greatly reduce the problems citizens suffer this year,

even if the storms are as bad as last winter's. In the last two weeks, the city has invested about \$20,000 in cleaning up storm drains and catch basins through a private contractor. Struve said Allwaste of Benicia, which holds the maintenance cleaning contract, is an expert in the area and has the large equipment necessary to take care of rotting storm drains and clogged up catch basins.

"We did have a problem on Tamalpais that caught us by surprise last week," said Struve Tuesday. "A catch basin was clogged and overflowing. Other than that, however, things seem to be going very well."

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# REAL ESTATE

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## Fernwood Drive residence invites medieval encounter



This enchanting 1928 cottage is nestled in its Fernwood Drive setting.

Jeff Lindquist

By Annalee Allen

Down a stone etched pathway, across an arched footbridge and level flagstone courtyard lies a charming English cottage, 1508 Fernwood Drive. Built in 1928 for Alvah Judson Rogers, a partner in an insurance and loan firm, it is one of the most charming period revival houses in Fernwood, a neighborhood known for its unique collection of homes and gardens.

Oakland Cultural Heritage Survey researchers were unable to uncover the name of the architect but

attribute the design to the work of Norman Shaw and others of the 19th and 20th century English Domestic Revival Movement. Dark stained woodwork, with rustic quatrefoil medallions and half timbering distinguish the stucco facade.

1508 Fernwood stands out among its charming neighbors as perhaps best expressing an arts and crafts aesthetic. Throughout this carefully maintained cottage are carvings on the doors, newel posts and kitchen cabinets, each more fanciful than the next.

Incised on the newel posts is an oak leaf and acorn pattern. There are carvings on both the front and back of the front door; family coat of arms of the original owner and on the other side, a mounted medieval knight.

Humor prevails in the kitchen, with cabinets featuring the incised form of a succulent roast turkey - both before and after it is consumed. A vegetable potpourri decorates the pantry door.

Hardwood floors, a cathedral

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## REAL ESTATE FORUM



DIAN HYMER

Buying a house that has a messy title record is risky. That's why it's imperative to have the title to the property examined by a title insurance company, real estate attorney or title expert before you close.

How title is checked varies from one locale to the next. In California, title insurance companies examine the title record for most home buyers. A title search should tell you who the legal owner of the property is. It should tell you how title to the property is held (joint tenancy, for example) and what restrictions affect the property (such as Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions — CC&Rs, or a common maintenance agreement for a shared driveway).

It should also tell you what liens (loans, judgments, property taxes, mechanics liens, IRS tax liens) are recorded against the property, the legal description of the property, and easements which effect the property.

Most buyers assume that the person who signs the purchase contract as the seller has the right to sell the property, and has the ability to pass title to the property to the buyer. But, in fact, this is not always the case.

Probate sales, which involve properties where an owner is deceased, can present problems. If the heirs have the legal power to sell the property, a sale can proceed. If they

## Always examine your title before your purchase

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'Most buyers assume that the person who signs the purchase contract has the right to sell the property.'

A "cloud" on the title may be due to a mistake made during an earlier title transfer. For example, let's say you are in contract to buy a house from a seller who acquired the property years ago at a probate sale. A current title search reveals a deed transferring ownership from the estate of the past owner to the present owner.

The title record also shows that the past owner had a wife who did not sign the deed when title was transferred to the current owner.

Since the wife didn't transfer any interest she might have in the property, she (or her heirs) could make a claim to the property. You wouldn't want to take title to the property

based on the purchase price higher the price of the property. Higher the title insurance premium. Title insurance companies will give a discounted rate ("short rate") if the title is searched within the past two years.

An abstract of title, more areas of the country, is a summary of a title search for property. If the sellers provide a title search, the buyers usually have the attorney review it and certificate of title which is the opinion of the title company.

A certificate of title is the same as title insurance. See HYMER.

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The creek's banks were fortified with boulders to add to the picturesque effect. It just so happened Dingee was also a water promoter (his company was in competition with Anthony Chabot) He tapped into as many as eight natural springs bubbling out of the hills to obtain the water to cultivate the landscaping. Unfortunately there was not enough water available to stop a devastating fire which destroyed the Dingee mansion in the Fall of 1899.

Fernwood's modern chapter began in 1923 when the Realty Syndicate acquired the estate and filed the tract map for the present subdivision. Lots sold for as little as \$1,000 for a quarter acre. Development of the neighborhood took place over the next 30 years (there are currently 108 homes).

Several of the Bay Area's most notable architects and designers were active in the area, although the Survey notes that (as is the case with 1508) some of the most interesting houses do not have identifiable architects.

The architecture of Fernwood reflects the eclectic approach to house design prevalent in the 1920's and 1930's. Most often seen are the various medieval European traditions known as Provincial Revival. Many of the early commercial and public buildings in nearby Montclair reflect the same themes (the library and firehouse come to mind).

In keeping with the long standing tradition of making the most of the natural setting, the present owner of 1508 Fernwood has planted a number of fruit trees, persimmon, fig, pear, peach, (to name a few) and has designed raised beds for the cultivation of vegetables. A giant size magnolia presides over a deck and hot tub and a delightful potting shed with skylights can be found in the side yard.

Terry Kulka of Coldwell Banker is currently listing 1508 Fernwood and inquiries should be directed to 339-1174.

Acknowledgements to Ed Phillips of Oakland Heritage Alliance

wood Drive home beckons to another time and place,

*Jeff Lindquist*

first estate owner in the area, legendary Texas Ranger and sheriff, Colonel Jack Hays, who came to the Bay Area during the Gold Rush and acquired large tracts of land in what is now Montclair and Rockridge.

His land holdings included much of the valley area then known as Hays Canyon, where the Temescal Creek courses through. In 1852 Hays built his home "Fernwood" near the present intersection of Moraga Boulevard and Thornhill Drive.

After Hays' death in 1883, the Fernwood estate passed into the hands of William Dingee who enlarged the home and extensively landscaped the property. Historic photographs on file at the Library show how Dingee cultivated the

landscaping of where the new begins. The two bed-

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# Berkeley Symphony celebrates 25 years

On Wednesday December 20th The Berkeley Symphony Orchestra (BSO) will continue its gala 25th season at 8 p.m. at Cal's Zellerbach Hall. The Symphony will introduce its commemorative poster designed and produced by famed Berkeley Artist David Lance Goines.

The poster will be available for sale in the lobby before the concert and during intermission.

Maestro Kent Nagano will lead the orchestra and mezzo-soprano Lorraine Hunt in Brahms' *Alto Rhapsody*. BSO principal violist Linda Ghidossi-DeLuca will be featured in Ralph Vaughan Williams' *Flos Campi*. In both works, the orchestra and soloists will be joined by the U.C. Berkeley Chorus.

The program will also include a performance of Sibelius' Symphony No. 1 and the world premier of music by Tod Machover, commissioned by Maestro Nagano for the orchestra.

Mini-series subscriptions for the remainder of the season are still available. Single tickets range in price from \$16 to \$30 with discounts for students and senior citizens.

For more information or to order tickets, please call The Berkeley Symphony at 841-2800 or the Cal Performances box office, 642-9988. Prior to the concert one can join the fun at U C Faculty Club with dinner and a talk by Tod Machover. The cost is \$40 per person (\$15 tax deductible).



## NAGANO

BERKELEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

Maestro Ken Nagano leads the Berkeley symphony in its silver season.

## Events

Mark your calendars for the Berkeley Artisans Open Studios running every weekend through Dec. 16 and 17. Over 100 artists and craftspeople at 20 studios will participate. For information on obtaining a map to this year's events, call Susan Brooks, 845-2612.

A free First-Time Home Buyer Seminar, sponsored by Red Oak Realty and Mortgage Network, is held every first and third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at 1891 Solano Ave., Berkeley. Find out about first-time home buyer programs, get tips from a Realtor on how to make an offer, negotiate the best deal, home inspections and

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tions.

Local artists meet bi-monthly at the Art Cafe, 10174 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito. The next meeting will be held Dec. 18, Jan. 8 and 22. Discussion will center around a West Contra Costa open studio event in the new year.

*For information in English contact Dennis Rea Estate Editor, Hills Rea, 5707 Redwood Rd., 94619. Phone: 339-4071, 4066. Information must be received one week prior to publication.*

## First American challenges all KQED fans

First American Title Guaranty Company Chief Executive Officer Richard Pauleitch announced that the company will provide a very special gift to the community during the 1995 holiday season: support of public broadcasting.

During KQED's holiday pledge drive the evening of December 16 First American Title will offer a \$2,500 challenge grant. Between the hours of 6 and 11:30 p.m., 60 employees will answer the phones in the studio and record incoming contributions.

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11 and 11:15 p.m. during the challenge grant will be worth twice as much to KQED because they will be matched dollar for dollar by First American Title up to \$2,500.

The company is proud that, during the busiest time of the year, so many employees eagerly volunteered to participate in this worthwhile and important community event.

This contribution is inspired by First American's belief in and philosophy of supporting education and community services. The company is pleased to provide its time and

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The four divisions of First American Title Guaranty Company contribute to many worthy causes throughout the year. However, the company sees this as a special event and hope that the customers and colleagues will support First American.

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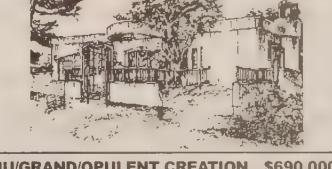
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## 'Holiday Open Studios' continue



Anne George's studio awaits your visit at this weekend's 'Holiday Open Studios' in Berkeley.

Over one hundred participating Berkeley artisans hold their 1995 Holiday Open Studios on weekends extending through Dec. 16 & 17.

The participating artisans and craftspeople will show functional and decorative ce-

ramics, art furniture, blown glass, sculpture, dolls, jewelry, various textiles, wearable art, paintings, original prints, limited edition artists' books and other works on paper.

Admission to the studios is free. An artisan map is available for a

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### MARTINEZ

## Dunsmuir House opens doors for Christ

The Dunsmuir House celebrates its silver Christmas anniversary this year.

The Dunsmuir House was built in 1899 by the British Columbian Alexander Dunsmuir.

The extravagant Colonial Revival mansion which flaunts such luxuries as a Tiffany-style dome, 37 rooms and 10 fireplaces was a gift for Alexander's bride Josephine.

Alexander became ill and died on their honeymoon in New York. The newly-widowed Josephine returned to her home, only to die herself two years later.

In 1906, the estate was purchased by I.W. Hellman, Jr. as a summer home.

Hellman died in 1920 and his wife kept the house until the late '50s when the City of Oakland bought the house to serve as a conference center.

Now, 25 years later, that same

non-profit organization — Dunsmuir House and Gardens, Inc. — is keeping the faith by holding its big annual holiday fund-raising event.

"The house is still owned by the city, but it does not give us operating dollars," says Dunsmuir House and Gardens Executive Director Lynda Guthrie. "Dunsmuir is sustained by special events — such as this one — and private donations."

The City of Oakland did, however, allocate \$334,900 over the past year for exterior renovations. Dunsmuir also receives what Guthrie calls "piecemeal" monies from Hollywood.

For example, the James Bond movie *A View to a Kill*, the Mike Myers comedy *So I Married an Axe Murderer*, and, more recently, the politically-correct TV movie "Dalta" (about the Native American plight during early settlers' days) were all filmed in the man-

sion.

For the Christmas Dunsmuir is getting a facelift.

Twenty-four Christ were flown in from tallest one, at about was placed in the m

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Anne Van Dyke is a skilled negotiator Bay Area agent, with experience representing some

of the most prestigious properties in the East Bay. Ms. McRae's demanding clients have given her high marks for her professionalism, integrity and commitment.

Opera lover Anne Van Dyke is passionate about her work. She is also an active volunteer, giving time to the Berkeley High School Development Group, the West Coast Children's Center and the Alameda

Contra Costa Youth Soccer League.

Third generation Berkeley native Susie Scheville is rearing three teenagers, and finds time to volunteer as President of the Berkeley High School Development Group.

She is coauthor of "Helping Your Child Sleep through the Night."

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**Appraisals serve more of a need than many realize**

by Anet Tarppoff & Talbert

of us know that when large amounts of money are loaned on property (like our homes), an appraisal is required. After all a lot is at stake. Many of us, however, would be hard pressed to give another reason for having an appraisal.

The fact is that an appraisal is used to establish current market value in a number of situations:

• establishing a living trust,

• resolving tax disputes,

• setting a sales price and determining inheritance tax.

In a fiduciary relationship

the legal title to and control of

the property are placed in the hands of

another for the benefit of another.

This is one that is in force

the lifetime of its creator, as

is a trust created by means

which pertains to the topic

of appraisal.

There is no legal complication

in passing property to heirs

of death can be avoided

through a living trust, specifying what circumstances

will take over one's affairs.

As real estate goes, the

most characteristic of a living

trust is the right of survivorship,

allowing property to pass to the

trustees without the normal probate

process. This right is not unlike a

husband and wife's situation in joint

tenancy: the survivor inherits the

property with no undue paperwork

or legal embellishments.

The current market value of all

real property included in the living

trust must be established at the time

of the creation of the trust. This is

quite easy to do.

Either you or your advisor con-

tacts a competent, licensed real-

estate appraiser who produces a full

appraisal report including a well

supported opinion of current mar-

ket value. For maximum hands-on

input in the appraisal process, find

the appraiser and arrange for the

appraiser to be present during the

creation of the trust.

This way you are sure to give the

appraiser all the current informa-

tion about your home. Having pre-

cise, up-to-date information is an

important first step in performing

an accurate appraisal.

Now let's talk taxes. Many prop-

erties have lost value in the last five

years. But property taxes keep go-

ing up because of Proposition 13

and the small built-in yearly in-

creases that it allows. So, the value

of your home may have gone down,

while your property taxes have been

going up.

This situation is further compli-

cated by the fact that the county

assessor's office may be sending

you a tax notice after the period the

period in which you may dispute the

tax has expired.

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For example, in Alameda County

you may not receive your tax bill

until late September or early Octo-

ber, while the deadline to appeal is

September 15.

You must contact the assessor

earlier, preferably in March, to find

out what your tax bill will be. You

may dispute the assessor's evalua-

tion of your property with as little

as figures from a couple of recent

sales in neighborhood. A full ap-

praisal by a licensed appraiser would

carry more weight.

Some appraisers will do an ap-

praisal like this for a normal fee,

while others might perform the ser-

vice for a percentage of the savings

to you. Whatever the fee, it can be

to your advantage to investigate this

option.

It is also not unheard of for Realtors

to supply homeowners with a few

good comparable sales to be

used for this purpose. When deal-

ing with the assessor's office, as

you do not always know beforehand if your listing

agent is making a good choice of a

sales price. A few hundred dollars

spent on an unbiased appraisal at

the beginning of the selling process

can translate into the increased like-

lihood of a closed sale in the future.

This is especially true if you are

selling the home yourself.

With any government organization,

it pays to do your homework well

beforehand.

If you should inherit property,

you will need to accurately com-

pute your capital gains tax. So, you

may find yourself in need of an

appraiser to determine the market

value of the property either at the

time of the inheritance, at some

previous time, or both.

Again, finding and hiring an ap-

praiser yourself allows you to have

the most involvement in the pro-

cess and will give you the best un-

derstanding of the value or values

you will have to live with.

Lastly an appraisal may be

among the best ways of determin-

ing the market value of a property

you are thinking about selling. In

many cases sellers will simply list a

home at a price suggested by their

listing agent, often a good choice.

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## Are things finally looking up?



### TARPPOFF & TALBERT

All of a sudden there seems to be a flurry of activity in the real-estate market. Here it is December, the middle of the holiday season, and buyers are buying!

Agent friends are telling us: "I'm busy! I've got so many buyers I don't know what to do with them. Not all of them are buying, of course, because we can't find them anything they want."

We're also hearing: "Just when I thought everyone would wait until after the first of the year to sell, I've got new listings from people relocating jobs."

There are tales of multiple offers on new listings, too. A few weeks ago three new North Berkeley listings, each priced around \$270,000, came on the market on the same day. They were all nice houses, clean and neat, each with a special charm of its own. All sold in a few days; at least one of them had four offers.

These sales did not astound us. Usual things slow down, but not always. A glance at the numbers will show that, up to now, sales have been slow, slower (except for Rockridge) than last year. The year isn't over, so these numbers will improve some.

loween, our buyers and sellers have been talking about taking a vacation from real estate. "I guess we'll have to wait until spring to buy anyway," one woman said to us. "People don't put their houses on the market this time of the year, do they?"

We said that's hard to say. Usually things slow down, but not always. A glance at the numbers will show that, up to now, sales have been slow, slower (except for Rockridge) than last year. The year isn't over, so these numbers will improve some.

But look at Berkeley, for example. There are about 80 pending escrows. Even if all 80 closed by year's end (and they won't), total sales would still be 50 short of a slow 1994.

It's possible, though, that things are truly turning around. Maybe this burst of activity means that we've turned the corner and that sales will be up next year. We're guessing here. Our crystal ball isn't any more accurate than anyone else's, but Anet is optimistic. She thinks that people have been scared and worried for too long. They're tired of feeling gloomy, ready for a change.

Anet says that people are believing again, ready to move forward, to feel happy. And that by a change in people's attitudes, everything will actually become better. If she's right, if we all feel better, and therefore the market recovers, it will mean that buyers will have to be on their toes. They may have to compete with other buyers for the house that want. No more languidly looking "for ever" for the "ideal."

If they really mean to buy, they'll need to be ready, have their financing lined up, be able to size up the house quickly and then act before someone else beats them to the punch.

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#### DISTINCTIVE BROWN SHINGLE CRAFTSMAN.....\$349,000

# Is entrepreneurship for you?

By Susan Urquhart-Brown

Have you been downsized? Are you thinking about a career change? Are you taking early retirement? Have you said to yourself many times that you would start your own business if you only had a marketable idea?

This may just be the time to develop a product or service and take the plunge into self-employment. Now the big question is: Do you have what it takes to be a successful entrepreneur?

The American Heritage Dictionary defines an entrepreneur as "one who organizes, operates and especially assumes the risk of a business venture." The words that jump out from this definition are "assumes risk". An essential element of entrepreneurship is taking informed risks—not only when you start your business but continually as your business grows.

According to Martin Yates in his new book, *Beat the Odds*, "informed risk is when you have considered the options, know your stuff, and stand ready to alter your direction when the situation changes."

One successful entrepreneur I know agrees. He says, "I don't see it as risk. Once I've made up my mind to go for it, I have enough self-confidence and follow-through to make my project fly. From my point of view, there is little risk involved. What other essential qualities do you need?"

**• Drive:** You must be internally driven to make your vision a reality. When the going gets tough, and

it will, it's dedication to your vision and self-motivation that will keep you working hard to make your business a success. First and foremost, you love it; then you live it, eat it, sleep it! Does this sound like you?

**"If you have a passion for doing things your way and a marketable idea, you'll find satisfaction and success as an entrepreneur."**

**• Confidence:** You need unmistakable confidence in yourself and belief in your product or service. People respond positively to authentic confidence—your customers, your employees, even your competitors. Ask yourself one question: Do you have the nerve to walk into a boardroom full of strangers and sell them on your product?

**• Decisiveness:** Anyone can make a decision, but an entrepreneur has to make smart decisions quickly. You make decisions based on your best attempt to gather information. You don't have time to wait for all the facts to come in before deciding. You develop possible solutions and begin implementing them. If one does not work, you go on to the next. Does this sound like you?

**• Flexibility:** This involves a combination of originality, curiosity and analysis. You need to be a

good trouble-shooter, to generate many new ideas, and to be open to learning about and gaining expertise in related arenas. Be prepared to change plans quickly, even give up your pet ideas, in order to work efficiently and produce the results you want. Does this sound like you?



LEILA GOUGH

Many conservative investors like to invest in bonds because they can provide a steady stream of income. But sometimes, these investors feel they miss out on opportunities to increase their return potential when interest rates rise.

If you are looking for a way to increase your opportunity to invest in higher-yielding bonds—while still receiving regular income—laddering maturities may provide one option.

Once a bond is issued, the interest rate is fixed for the life of the bond. However, general market interest rates fluctuate daily. These changing interest rates represent the primary factor affecting bond prices, should you want to sell a bond before maturity.

For example, if you have bond with fixed interest rate of eight percent and prevailing interest rates drop to six percent, you could probably sell your bond for more than you paid

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yields with the longer maturities above current levels, you'd teach year at higher interest rates.

In the normal relationship between yield and maturity lengths, yields on long-term bonds are generally higher than those on short-term bonds. In addition, because of the greater uncertainty involved in tying up money for longer periods of time, long-term bond prices tend to fluctuate more than short-term bonds as interest rates change.

Enter the "laddered maturities" strategy. With a laddered portfolio, you choose a maximum length of maturity of the portfolio, for example 10 years. Then, you invest a set amount in bonds that mature beginning in one year and each year thereafter, ending with longest maturity for the portfolio (e.g. 10 years). Each year, a bond in the portfolio matures and you can use the proceeds to invest in a bond with the portfolio's maximum maturity. So, your portfolio will always have the same structure.

Because a portion of the portfolio matures each year, you will have an automatic hedge against interest rate moves. If interest rates drop below current levels, you still have higher

yields with the longer maturities above current levels, you'd teach year at higher interest rates.

This portfolio strategy benefits as well. First, the maturity will never be more than as long as the longest maturities held in the portfolio. For example, if the longest maturity bond in the portfolio is 10 years, average maturity of the portfolio never be more than five years.

As each bond matures and is reinvested into a term bond, your portfolio will eventually achieve an average maturity" reflecting the average issue, but your portfolio will retain a shorter average term definition, "yield to maturity to the annual return on a bond's maturity, with interest payments and price appreciation or depreciation.

Laddered maturities can some consistency and into your investing strategy. If laddered maturities are appropriate for your investment objectives, Leila Gough is a financial advisor with A.G. Edwards & Sons. She can be reached at 654-6413.

## YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE OPEN HOMES

**OAKLAND** Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

22 SHERIDAN, Rockridge 4bd/3ba, spacious, bay vw, new villa	\$767,000
6632 LIGGETT, Home w/attached legal 2nd unit, lg gated double lot	\$725,000
By Owner 339-0687 SUNDAY 1-5	
5410 FERNHOFF, Prestigious Hillcrest Estates 4/3½, pool, grnse	\$699,000
The GRUBB Company, Kurt Buchholz 428-0900	
5981 GIRVIN DR, Pied Pines 4+bd/3ba showcase for art, parties	\$690,000
Better Homes, D.C. Hodges 531-7667	
1289 GRANDVIEW DR, Reduced \$53K, fab new constr, 4bd, ofc	\$675,000
Wells & Bennett, Maria Kenaga 531-7000	
1955 MANZANITA, Montclair, fabulous 4bd/3ba, reduced \$55K	\$619,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, Mary Ruth Armstrong 869-4206	
14 CLIPPER HILL, Hiller, lg vw home, 4/3, frml DR, fab kitchen	\$610,000
Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerle 339-1174	
56 SHERIDAN RD, Upr Rockridge 5bd/4ba new construction	\$599,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Joan Alford 644-5455	
7330 WOODROW DR, 1st time open 4bd/2½ba custom home	\$559,000
Bay County Development, Mel Copeland 339-2109	
6307 BROOKSIDE AV, Rockridge, stunning 4/3 Med, remod kit, gdn	\$539,000
The GRUBB Company, Linda McClain 339-0400	
12032 BROADWAY TER, 3bd/2+ba contemp, pano views \$reduced	\$525,000
Better Homes, M. J. McConville 287-5983	
2745 BUTTERS DR, J. Miller 4bd/4+ba, price reduced!! cul-de-sac	\$499,500
Pacific Union, Dick Cohen 339-6460	
6117 ASCOT DR, Montclair 5/3 contemp, bay views, decks	\$499,000
Pacific Union, Thomas Wurst 339-1174	
16 CHAMBERS LN, 1st open! 4bd/2½ba top quality, ofc, frml DR	\$498,000
The GRUBB Company, Susanne Paul 339-0400	
1080 HUBERT, 3-3½bd/2½ba enchanting English country home	\$479,000
The GRUBB Company, Sheila Gallagher 339-0400	
245 CROSS RD, New construction, 4bd/3ba Rockridge home	\$449,000
Templeton Company, Jan Fouger 652-2133 X138 SUNDAY 2-4	
6840 THORNHILL DR, Montclair, quality new construction! 3½/2, yd	\$429,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, Sharon Ho 869-4220	
17 WINDWARD HILL, Hiller Ghghns, upgraded twrhse, 3½/2, loft	\$389,500
Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerle 339-1174	
884 SUNNYHILLS RD, Crocker Ghghns unique 2½/1½ trad, pvt gdn	\$365,000
Templeton Company, Trish McEneany X125 SUNDAY 2-4	
5474 LASALLE, Montclair 3bd/3ba, den, charming patio, privacy	\$355,000
Pacific Union, Dee Dee Bonham 339-6460	
6545 EXETER DR, Spacious garden home, mstr + 2/2, canyon view	\$349,000
The GRUBB Company, Marilyn Watson 339-0400	
5500 ESTATES, 5bd/3ba, spacious with extra bonus rooms	\$319,000
Robey Real Estate 658-2627; 644-0971	
85 STARVIEW, Hiller, lots of upgrades, 3bd/2ba, 2 fireplaces	\$315,000
Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerle 339-1174	
6630 PINENEEDLE, Montclair 3bd/2ba exciting 9 yr old contemp	\$303,900
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, John Vail 268-1858	
6666 PINENEEDLE, Nature lovers/take notice! 4/3 nr regional pks	\$289,900
Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng 339-1174	
1962 HOOVER AVE, Oakmore, sunny charming 3bd/1ba, view	\$289,000
Better Homes, 531-5712	
80 STARVIEW DR, Hiller, grt buy! 3bd/2½ba, vw of bay/hills	\$287,500
Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerle 339-1174	
5340 BROADWAY TR, Upr Rockridge 2bd/2ba dramatic penthouse	\$280,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Claire Cunningham 644-5434	
7101 THORNHILL DR, Charming, affordable 2-bd/2ba, hwdws, lg lot	\$269,000
Coldwell Banker, Delil M. Orr 339-1174	
5340 BROADWAY TER #508, Rockridge 3bd/2ba in luxury complex	\$249,900
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Sheila Sabine 644-5412	
1380 TRESTLE GLEN 3bd/2ba Mediterranean	\$249,000
Gadsby & Associates 748-5300 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4	
842-842A WALKER, Grand Lake 2 units, 2bd w/fpl up & 1bd down	\$247,150
Owner 834-8768, SUNDAY 1-4 & MONDAY 1-5 5% DOWN	
3976 RHODA, Lincoln Hts 3bd/2ba, hardwoods, breakfast room	\$237,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Faye McGee 644-5498	
4160 TERRACE, Piedmont Ave, large 4bd/1ba home, high ceiling	\$229,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, Annick de Costa 466-5597	
3612 FRUITVALE, Spac. 3bd + bonus in-law unit, walk shops, swim	\$228,000
Carolyn Gee Realty 530-1600 SUNDAY 1-4	
4038 35TH AVE, 3bd/3ba home w/attached 1bd cottage, fin. bsmnt	\$227,500
Better Homes, Charlene Claybaugh 339-8400	
3361 VICTOR AVE, Redwood Hts 2bd/1+ba, cul-de-sac, nw Indscpg	\$222,500
Pacific Union, Sandi Klemmer 339-6460	
4450 39TH AVE, Redwood Hts 2bd/1+ba spfl, hwdws, rm, garden	\$215,000
Pacific Union, Nancy Chen 339-6460	
4645 PARK, Glenview, ideal 3+bd starter, very clean	\$199,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Vince Moran 534-3038	
4323 LEACH AV, Glenview 2½/1+, 20's charm/90's comfort, \$AS IS	\$199,000
Better Homes, Marla/Randa 339-8400	
4010 LOMA VISTA, Up Laurel 3bd/1½ba, hwdws, M, 2-car gar	\$189,000
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Ringo Liu 287-5849	
4443 STEELE, Laurel 2+bd English charmer, frml DR, must sell!	\$179,500
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Lani Clarke 649-4210	

3908 ARCHMONT, 2+bd/2ba, huge yard, finished attic

Mason-McDuffie, N. Hinkey 428-0900

2430 DELMER, Upper Dimond, new listing! 3bd/2ba needs TLC

Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, C. Boze 869-4203

2900 55TH AVE, Big for the \$, Modif. style, lg bsmt, 2-car gar \$169,000

Coldwell Banker, Jack Brennenman 339-1174

7585 CIRCLE HILL DR, Delightful 3bd/1½ba, plank hwdws, fml DR

Wells & Bennett, Lee Jacobson 531-7000

6106 MONADNOCK WY, Charming 2bd bungalow, grt price, sel

Better Homes, Morie 547-6975

ALAMEDA Open Sunday

1316 EAST SHORE, Waterfront 3/2 beauty!

Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Vince Moran 534-3038 SUNDAY 2-4

ALBANY Open Sunday

913 POLK, Great Albany Hill country style home, 2bd/1ba

Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X182 SUNDAY 1-4

BERKELEY Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

627 ARLINGTON, 4bd/2ba, dbl lot, formal gardens, fab renovation

Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Judith Glass 644-5495

1100 SHATTUCK, Berkeley 5bd/3+ba

Coldwell Banker, Jeanne McHugh 486-1495

159 EL CAMINO REAL, Berkeley 4bd/2+ba

Coldwell Banker, Ruth Lockhart 339-1174

662 SANTA BARBARA, 3bd/2ba

Coldwell Banker, Sally Hendrickson 486-1495

725 SPRUCE, Berkeley 4bd/2ba

Coldwell Banker, Darrell Hoh 486-1495

737 SPRUCE, 3bd/2½ba

Coldwell Banker, Melissa Lyckberg 486-1495

3082 BUENA VISTA, Berk Hills 3bd/2ba contemp, in-law potential

Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Ray 287-5904

1019 CRESTON Rd, Reduced to sell. Stuning new custom home

255-1342, Agt 428-0757 SUNDAY 1:30-5, 4bd/3b, chef's kitchen, den

979 OVERLOOK DR, Berk/Park Hills 3/2 w/hills & canon view

Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Dianne Campbell 530-0596

151 FAIRLAWN DR, New listing! 3/1 newly shingled, garden setting

Templeton Company, Jan Fouger 652-2133 X138 SUNDAY 2-4

745 THE ALAMEDA, Thousand Oaks 5bd/2b, nr almost everything

Better Homes, Nick Lavrov 527-2727 SUNDAY 2-4:30

3042 COLLEGE, 3+bd/3b or duplex; archit. intact Leola Hall design

Marvin Gardens, Richard 287-8764

1960 VINE, Lovely mirror 2bd units, hwdws, frpl, 2-car gar, pvt yd

Marvin Gardens, Alice 526-1101 SUNDAY 2-4

3129 CALIFORNIA, 3bd/2ba

Coldwell Banker, Melissa Eisenberg 486-1495

1812 FRANKLIN, 2bd/2ba

Coldwell Banker, Melissa Lyckberg 486-1495

807 TALBOT, Cozy 2bd/1ba cottage, like nw, dt of studio w/bath

Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X111 SUNDAY 1-4

1020 JONES, Berkeley 2bd/1ba

Coldwell Banker, Nacio Jan Brown 486-1495

EL CERRITO Open Sunday

111 SEAVIEW, Custom built 3bd/2ba Fairmont shops, GG View

Locators Real Estate 232-0281 SUNDAY 1-4

6527 MORRIS AVE, 3+bd/2ba fab remodel! landscpd, nw roof, v

Secure Pacific, Gen Stern 234-7808 SUNDAY 2-4

244 BEHRENS, 2bd/1ba ranch, quiet corner, remod kit, hwdw, t

Locators Real Estate 232-0281 SUNDAY 1-4

1510 RICHMOND ST, 3bd/1ba spiffy, central location, hwdw, t

Better Homes, Nick Lavrov 525-2727 SUNDAY 2-4:30

KENSINGTON Open Sunday

695 WELLESLEY, Spacious 4bd/3ba abv Arlington, beam ceiling

Better Homes, Nick Lavrov 525-2727 SUNDAY 2-4:30

LAFAYETTE Open Sunday

4010 WELLINGTON PL, 4bd/3½ba country Engl. tree covered by

Taboloff & Co., Doris Taboloff 530-4086 BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

1023 PINE LANE, 4bd/3ba smashing contemporary, al-fam, Lr

Taboloff & Co., Doris Taboloff 530-4086 State-of-art kitchen 3+bd

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

ORINDA Open Sunday

21 LOS CERROS, 3/2 charming country cottage surrounded by

Taboloff & Co., Doris Taboloff 530-4086 Priced to sell!

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

PIEDMONT Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

48 CREST RD, 1/4 acre lot on grt st, 2bd/2ba, privacy

Pacific Union, Sally Morrison 339-6460

120 MORAGA AVE, 2bd/1ba great starter, hwdws, full bsmnt

Pacific Union, Ann Nichols 339-6460

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**403 Salon Opportunities**

ELEGANT new salon opening in January seeks professional hair designer to rent station in Alameda. Leave message 339-3528

HAIR Station for lease at newly decorated salon. Offering hair, nail, skin care services. 521-6424.

HAIRSTYLIST wanted full-time/rent. Buey Orinda salon. Available January 1. Contact Kimberly or Marlene 254-5401.

**406 Employment Wanted**

BERKELEY High Students available for part-time work. Career Center 548-5627

MAKE your Holiday Entertaining Easy. Cooking/your home or delivered. Delicious and beautiful. Susan, 528-7065

**HOLIDAY HELPER**

College student will wrap your presents using your supplies. Capable and fast. Charge by the hour. Call Lisa at 655-4503

**407 Employment Information**

COUNSELING for career change and job search techniques just right for you. Susan Urquhart-Brown 654-6413.

**408 Caregiver & Domestic Help Wanted****NOT AN AGENCY AD!**

Early concern. Montclair needs 2 live-ins. One/4-5 day, other 2-3 days/ week. Both must have CDL, car people are ambulatory. Lady requires care, attention. Local references required. Duties: meal planning, good home cooking, shopping, trips to doctors, light housekeeping, etc. Good wages. Please don't answer this ad unless you qualify. For appointment (510)547-2563.

SUBSTITUTE attendant needed from December 21 through January 1, 6 a.m.-8 a.m. \$10 per hour; also two days weekly permanently. Call Giles 548-6873

SHOPPING, errands, housekeeping for upper Rockridge family. Must be very dependable, English speaking, non-smoker. Car, insurance and references required. 12 hours weekly. Call Sarah 658-5504

**409 Childcare Wanted**

SEEKING live-in to pick up 2 year old from day care, 5 days. Some babysitting and housekeeping. Separation room and bath above Mills College - Marin. (415)421-0288; days: (415)752-3830 evenings

TWO girls 10 and 13, 2-6 pm Tuesday and Friday. Pickup after school; drive to lessons; do shopping, etc. Must have own reliable car, insurance, excellent references. 339-9174, evenings before 8

NANNY jobs. Mothers-In-Need has immediate openings in East Bay. Full-time and part-time, top salaries. (415)461-7755

CHILDCARE, two teenage girls, ages 9, 12, 3-6 pm. Monday and Tuesday. Need car, good references. Montclair area 339-3368

PART-TIME full-time, flexible. English speaking, reading a must. Can Pay negotiable. 2 children, Rockridge 653-6644

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The  
Wine File  
**ALAN GOLDFARB**

### '95: In like a lion, out like a lion's share

Nineteen hundred and ninety-five began horribly for the California wine business. It's finishing up with perhaps its biggest boon since the late 1970s.

To wit: Spring rains brought flooding and rot to the just-budding vines, causing one of the lowest yields in years. But everyone I've spoken with, tells me the reds especially, will be superlative in '95.

The bad news with a shortfall of grapes — the crop is down about 30 percent — is that prices are going up. According to various sources, this year Cabernet Sauvignon increased by almost 12 percent, while red hot Merlot went up slightly higher.

Zin? I'm grateful that there are some great Zinfandels out there, but in '95 it shot up an average of more than 13 percent in price.

Which led marketing consultant Alexia Moore, who in an address to industry members a few weeks ago, warned, "...the acceptable range of price increases for grocery items are paycheck raises, and paycheck raises are rising 3-5 percent a year. Since paychecks are tied to luxury feelings, raising prices 10 percent would be viewed as gouging."

Which brings us back to '95 and how it's going out like a lion's share for the wine industry, after coming in like a plain old roaring lion.

Ever since that second "60 Minutes" report early in November which confirmed that wine is good for you, supermarket purchases of red wine jumped more than 26 percent compared to a year ago in the two weeks following the TV report.

If I recollect, red wine sales went up a whopping 40 percent immediately after the first 60 Minutes story ran in 1991.

I usually don't write about restaurants here unless it directly correlates to wine. But damnit, there's a restaurant right here in Montclair that just has to be supported. Especially since we lost the tasty *Skyes* last year to a bad review taken to heart sheep-like by many readers.

So here I am telling you about

*Thai Bai* — that little aperture in the strip mall on Thornhill. Don't take Brother Goldfarb's word as gospel, check it out for yourselves. It's one of the best Thai restaurants since Khan Toke opened out on Geary more than 20 years ago, and since Siam began operations down on University 15 years ago (I always thought Pearn was overrated). It's even better than Cha Am that so many Berkeleyites swear by.

Thai Bai has recently been taken over by new owners, who are putting in the energy to cook

with the freshest raw ingredients.

For instance their soups, especially the clear broth ones such as *Tom-Gaeng-Chud* — with spinach, fried garlic and tofu — is so sweet and deep-flavored, this chicken soup has my grandma smiling from her grave over there in South City.

Or take the *Yum-Gung* salad with prawns which have been cooked just to this side of doneness, and a spicy-sweet dressing of real coconut meat and cashews.

I don't care for curries all that

much but the *Panaeng-Neua* — a beef stew in a sweet and spicy peanut red curry with coconut milk — is so smooth and flavorful, it rivals the curries at Ajanta Indian restaurant on top of Solano or at *Nan Yang* Burmese restaurant in Rockridge.

I'm telling you about *Thai Bai* not only because I think it's superb, and that I live nearby and just love the idea of having a world-class Asian restaurant down the corner; but it's important that we support our local enterprises in the wake of

encroaching multinational corporate chain greed-heads in our neighborhood.

Finally, check out the rare Tokaj tasting *Westwind International Folk Ensemble* is having Saturday from 4-7 p.m. at the Berkeley City Club.

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In Berkeley, bats and skunks are the most likely animals to be infected, although unimmunized dogs, foxes, coyotes, badgers, weasels, raccoons and unvaccinated cats can also carry the rabies virus.

Rabies infection is virtually always fatal in man so it is critical that people know how to prevent infection. Avoid skunks and bats and do not handle dead wild animals.

Parents are advised to instruct their children about the dangers of wild animals and warn them not to touch any animal they do not know.

Any nocturnal animal which is seen during daylight hours, such as skunks, bats, or gray foxes, should be considered dangerous.

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